

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Joseph Conlon upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter Joseph Conlon upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department; he was recognized at a special Gala which honored his commitment on April 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Joseph Conlon's dedication to Mineola will forever be linked to the Mineola Junior Fire Department, which he helped found in 1976; juniors learn fire prevention techniques, respond to fire calls and participate in numerous real-life drills, including wall-scaling and vehicle extraction, among other techniques; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 1964, Joseph Conlon joined Engine Company No. 1, and was named Vice President in 1966; three years later, he was named President, serving from 1969 until 1970, before serving as Second Lieutenant from 1973 through 1975; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Joseph Conlon made Captain in 1977, a post he held for two years; and

WHEREAS, From 1980 to today, Firefighter Joseph Conlon serves as the first battalion delegate for Nassau County firefighters; in 1990, he was named Firefighter of the Year by Company No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Joseph Conlon is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Joseph Conlon for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Joseph Conlon.