LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Joseph Remy upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the South Hempstead 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 Joseph Remy upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the South Hempstead Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Remy has been a member of the South Hempstead Fire Department since 1967; he proudly held the rank of Chief in 1977 and served as a Commissioner for 20 years, from 1974-1994; and

WHEREAS, He will be honored at the South Hempstead Fire Department's Annual Installation Dinner to be held at the Hempstead Country Club in Hempstead, New York on Friday, April 5, 2013; 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 Remy is such a firefighter; throughout 45 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 Remy for 45 years of distinguished service; and be it further

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