

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Second Assistant Chief Ben Nelson in recognition of his heroic action in rescuing a man from a burning apartment

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their job with the utmost concern and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Second Assistant Chief Ben Nelson of the Woodmere Fire Department for his heroic action in rescuing a man from a burning apartment; and

WHEREAS, On the evening of Saturday, March 2, 2013, the Woodmere Fire Department was called to an apartment building where a tenant reported seeing smoke; and

WHEREAS, Second Assistant Chief Ben Nelson kicked in the door of a burning apartment in the building and, without any gear, waded through two to three feet of debris and brought the 83-year-old resident to safety; and

WHEREAS, The quick and selfless actions of Second Assistant Chief Ben Nelson turned what could have been a tragic event into a cause for celebration; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; Ben Nelson is one such firefighter; his dedication merits the tribute and recognition of all citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Second Assistant Chief Ben Nelson demonstrated his character and his concern for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary people across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Second Assistant Chief Ben Nelson of the Woodmere Fire Department for his heroic action in rescuing a man from a burning apartment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Second Assistant Chief Ben Nelson.