LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring ex-Chief William Delgado upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company

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 honor ex-Chief William Delgado upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the New Hyde Park Inn, New Hyde Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Delgado served as Chief of Department in 2001, and from 2007 to 2008; in addition, he has worked as a New York City Emergency Medical Technician, and as a Port Authority Policeman, recently retiring with the esteemed rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Currently, William Delgado is a President of the Floral Park Centre Fire Company Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sonja, and their three children, Michelle, Jonathan, and Alicia, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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, 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, 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; William Delgado is such a firefighter; throughout his 25 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 honor ex-Chief William Delgado upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Chief William Delgado.