

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring former ex-Chief Tom Garland upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 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 Tom Garland upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 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, Tom Garland served as the Chief of Department in 1989 and 1990, and also served as President of the Floral Park Centre Fire Company Board of Commissioners; in addition, he is retired from the New York City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Tom Garland was married to the late Louise, and is the loving father of two children; he currently shares his life with Caroline; 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, 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 jobs with the utmost concern and professionalism; 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; Tom Garland is such a firefighter; throughout his 35 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 former ex-Chief Tom Garland upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 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 Tom Garland.