

**BY:** Senator JACOBS

**HONORING** Firefighter Peter Coppola upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Fire Chief's Award by the Grand Island Fire Company

**WHEREAS,** Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Firefighter Peter Coppola upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Fire Chief's Award by the Grand Island Fire Company; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighters perform selfless tasks quietly and often without the recognition they deserve, risking their lives daily to protect the lives and property of the residents of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Peter Coppola was presented the 2016 Fire Chief Award for his exceptional service as a Safety Officer and his dependability as a day squad responder; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors managing the building and grounds of the Grand Island Fire Company; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; 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; Peter Coppola is such a firefighter; throughout his years of service, he has 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 Firefighter Peter Coppola upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Fire Chief's Award by the Grand Island Fire Company; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter Coppola.