

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending FDNY Captain Liam Flaherty upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Friends of Firefighters on June 5, 2010

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; 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 commend FDNY Captain Liam Flaherty upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Friends of Firefighters at its Spring Gala to be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at the Old Stonehouse, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Captain Liam Flaherty has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and subsequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Captain Liam Flaherty is a distinguished firefighter who has worked with Engine 238, Ladder 44 and Rescue 4 and as a lieutenant at Engine 157 and Rescue 2 and is currently the covering Captain at Special Operations Command; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Captain Liam Flaherty is a member of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue New York Task Force which recently responded to the disaster in Haiti; he also responded to Hurricane Katrina with the FDNY Response Team; and

WHEREAS, Captain Liam Flaherty is also the Chairman and Drum Major of the FDNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, currently the largest fire service pipe band; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Captain Liam Flaherty is an instructor at both the Special Operations Technical Rescue School and the Probationary Firefighter School; he is also a member of Incident Management Team; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Captain Liam Flaherty has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Captain Liam Flaherty currently sits on the board of the Thomas R. Elsasser Fund and is a member of the Carpenters Local 608 Union; and

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, 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; Captain Liam Flaherty is such a firefighter; throughout his many years of devoted service, this firefighter 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 commend Captain Liam Flaherty upon the occasion of his designation for

special recognition by the Friends of Firefighters on June 5, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain Liam Flaherty.