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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony Nunziata upon the occasion of his designation as Brookhaven Fire Department's 2012 Fireman of the Year

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 Anthony Nunziata upon the occasion of his designation as Brookhaven Fire Department's 2012 Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Son of Pat and Peggy Nunziata, Anthony Nunziata was born and raised in Holtsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, An avid athlete, Anthony Nunziata was a star on both the football and lacrosse teams at Sachem North High School; he graduated high school in 1984, and began his career at Clare Rose, Inc. in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Nunziata joined the Holbrook Fire Department in the summer of 1984; he was an active member, responding to alarms and emergencies at any time of the day and night until he moved his family to Brookhaven and joined the Brookhaven Fire Department in 1995; and

WHEREAS, A Member of Brookhaven Fire Department Dive Rescue Team, Anthony Nunziata holds PADI open water diver and PADI advanced open water certifications, and has completed coursework for Dive Rescue International; and

WHEREAS, As Driver of the Tower Ladder, Anthony Nunziata also holds certifications to drive all pieces of Brookhaven Fire Department apparatus; and

WHEREAS, On January 12, 2002, Anthony Nunziata received the Chief's Award for taking the time and patience to train others in the use of equipment, specifically the tower ladder, and doing the American flag arch detail for each and every funeral when needed resulting from the 9/11 attacks; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2011, while working at Clare Rose, Inc., Anthony Nunziata used his training as a firefighter to help with the extrication and stabilization of an injured employee that was stuck in a compactor; due to his quick and astute actions, the employee is now on his way to recovery; and

WHEREAS, Less than two months later, Anthony Nunziata came upon a motor vehicle accident involving a tanker truck carrying 9,000 gallons of gasoline and a minivan with nine people; he and a co-worker assisted the injured to safety by pulling them all out of harm's way, ultimately saving the lives of all involved; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Barbara, and their two daughters Cassandra and Brittney, 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, 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; Anthony Nunziata is such a firefighter; throughout 28 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 Anthony Nunziata upon the occasion of his designation as Brookhaven Fire Department's 2012 Fireman of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Nunziata.