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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Emergency Medical Services volunteers from the Great Neck Vigilant Engine and Hook & Ladder Company upon the occasion of being recognized for several prestigious honors by the Nassau County Regional EMS Council

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the concerned and caring work of citizens who voluntarily assist in safeguarding the safety and welfare of their neighbors and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Emergency Medical Services volunteers from the Great Neck Vigilant Engine and Hook & Ladder Company upon the occasion of being recognized for several prestigious honors by the Nassau County Regional EMS Council; and

WHEREAS, Vigilant, which is responsible for all emergency calls north of the Long Island Rail Road tracks, was given honorable mention in the EMS "Agency of The Year" Category, while five of its members were also honored for their individual achievements; and

WHEREAS, Twin brothers, Jeremy and Joshua Feintuch, recent NYU graduates who are currently applying for medical school, shared the "Basic Life Support Provider of the Year" Award for their immense participation in its public education program, and initiative in conjunction with the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Steven Blocker, who led the unit during the past year, was given honorable mention in the Leadership Award category; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Vigilant held the largest public education CPR training in the history of the United States; the Vigilant team trained over 6000 student, staff and faculty members in the Great Neck public

school district; that number is almost 7000 trained to date; and  
WHEREAS, Kenneth Bleck, President of the Vigilant EMS group, and Lieutenant Joseph Oginski both received Honorable Mention recognition in the Basic Life Support Provider of the Year category; and  
WHEREAS, Kenneth Bleck, who has served Vigilant for over 20 years, owns NuClear Cleaners and is also part owner of Bagel Mentch; Lieutenant Joseph Oginski is finishing his degree work at John Jay College for Criminal Justice and has his own web development business; and  
WHEREAS, In addition, Chief Laurence Jacobs and Assistant Chief Joshua Charry were credited for their dedicated support to the Company; and  
WHEREAS, Volunteer ambulance corps members are an important part of the safety net of America's healthcare system; they provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and  
WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and  
WHEREAS, In the performance of their duties, the Vigilant EMS volunteers have demonstrated their character and their compassion for the welfare of others; these outstanding individuals are a tremendous asset to their EMS Unit and are all distinguished citizens of this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Emergency Medical Services volunteers from the Great Neck Vigilant Engine and Hook & Ladder Company upon the occasion of being recognized for several prestigious honors by the Nassau County Regional EMS Council; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees.