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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Joseph Minicozzi Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Oyster Bay Fire Department

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 commend Firefighter Joseph Minicozzi Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Oyster Bay Fire Department; he will be honored as his Department's 2014 Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Joseph Minicozzi Sr. is Ex-President of the Oyster Bay Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, A proud veteran of the United States Navy, this dedicated firefighter is also a member of the 1974 New York State Champion Drill Team, and coach of the 5th Battalion champion team for 14 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Joseph Minicozzi Sr. has been accompanied throughout his distinguished service by his wife, Lorraine; they are the proud parents of five children, and the loving grandparents of seven grandchildren; 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; Joseph Minicozzi Sr. is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 commend Firefighter Joseph Minicozzi Sr. for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Joseph Minicozzi Sr.