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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Captain John Bernic upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Manhasset-Lakeville 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 Captain John Bernic upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 102nd Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Long Island Marriott Hotel in Uniondale, New York; 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, Captain John Bernic has been a member of Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department Company No. 1 since March 7, 1989; he climbed the ranks and served as 1st Lieutenant from 2012 to 2014, and currently holds the esteemed position of Captain; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Katarina, and their two beautiful children, Nikola and Ivan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 John Bernic is such a firefighter; throughout 25 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 Captain John Bernic for 25 years of distinguished service to the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain John Bernic.