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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Outgoing Chief Robert Duchnowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 34 years of dedicated service to Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company

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 Outgoing Chief Robert Duchnowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 34 years of dedicated service to Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company, to be celebrated at its 108th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at The Royalton at Roslyn Country Club, Roslyn Heights, New York; and

WHEREAS, Outgoing Chief Robert "Dutch" Duchnowski joined Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company in October 1979; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious 34 years in Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company, Robert Duchnowski served as Head Chief on three separate occasions for a total of 8 years; while serving as an officer, this committed man played a leadership role during several well-known emergency situations, including the 1990 Avianca Airlines crash, 9/11 rescue efforts, and 2012's Hurricane Sandy; 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; Outgoing Chief Robert Duchnowski is such a firefighter; throughout 34 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 Outgoing Chief Robert Duchnowski for 34 years of distinguished service to Roslyn Highlands Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Outgoing Chief Robert Duchnowski.