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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Outgoing Chief Ralph S. Brooks, III upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Eagle Valley Fire Company No. 3

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 Ralph S. Brooks, III upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Eagle Valley Fire Company No. 3, to be celebrated at its Biennial Installation Dinner on Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Crowne Plaza, Suffern, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his fire service, a period of constructive involvement, Outgoing Chief Ralph S. Brooks, III has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Outgoing Chief Ralph S. Brooks, III has displayed throughout his life; 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 Ralph S. Brooks, III is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 Ralph S. Brooks, III for many years of distinguished service to the Eagle Valley Fire Company No. 3; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Outgoing Chief Ralph S. Brooks, III.