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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter David Black upon the occasion of his selection as Firefighter of the Year by the East Williston

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 David Black upon the occasion of his selection as Firefighter of the Year by the East Williston Fire Department, to be celebrated at the Department's 125th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 26, 2014 in Mineola, New

WHEREAS, David Black joined the East Williston Fire Department in 1993, faithfully serving his community for over 20 years; and WHEREAS, An outstanding firefighter dedicated to helping others, David Black continues to serve the Department in such leadership roles as motor pump operator and assistant truck driver; and WHEREAS, Proud of his contributions to the East Williston Fire Department, yet extremely humble, David Black is an integral part of his community and an excellent example for others; 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; David

Black is such a firefighter; throughout his over 20 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 David Black upon the occasion of his selection as Firefighter of the Year by the East Williston Fire Department; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Black.