

## 2013-J4650

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Nicholas Siciliano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to 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 Firefighter Nicholas Siciliano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the East Williston Fire Department, to be celebrated at the Department's 125th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 26, 2014, in Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Siciliano first joined the East Williston Fire Department in 1969, and is the longest serving member of the Department; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed firefighter rose through the ranks to become Chief, where he displayed outstanding leadership qualities; he then moved on to ably serve both the Village of East Williston and the East Williston Fire Department as Fire Commissioner and delegate to the 8th Battalion; and

WHEREAS, Today, Former Chief Nicholas Siciliano is a figure of strength and knowledge, respected by all, in the East Williston Fire Department; 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; Nicholas Siciliano is such a firefighter; throughout his 45 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 Nicholas Siciliano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the East Williston Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Nicholas Siciliano.