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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lieutenant Robert E. Lee upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the James Gordon Bennett Medal, FDNY's highest honor

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State, the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire, are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection, prevention and fighting; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lieutenant Robert E. Lee upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the James Gordon Bennett Medal, FDNY's highest honor, and the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal for his brave actions; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Robert E. Lee was fittingly honored on FDNY Medal Day held at the 69th Regiment Armory in Manhattan, on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, for his brave actions while fighting a fire in the basement of a Bronx house; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Robert E. Lee credits his crew for aggressively containing the fire which gave him the extra time needed to successfully rescue a woman and child from their burning home on October 28, 2013, truly demonstrating quick and astute actions and level headed leadership; and

WHEREAS, Although visibility was zero inside the house, Lieutenant Robert E. Lee responded without hesitation or concern for his own welfare; in one bedroom he found a woman on the floor, dragged her to safety, and returned to look for others in need of assistance; it was then he found an unconscious girl in another room under the bed, also rescuing her from the fire; and

WHEREAS, Appointed to the FDNY on October 15, 1995, 43 year-old Lieu-

tenant Robert E. Lee of Kings Park, Long Island, was previously assigned to Engine 225 and Ladder 107; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding firefighter is a member of the Emerald Society and the Company Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, He dutifully served his country as a member of the United States Navy for four years and participated in Operation Desert Storm, achieving the rank of Petty Officer; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Robert E. Lee, an 18 year veteran, has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2012 Fire Bell Club Medal and a Service Rating A; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lisa, and daughter, Jenna, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Justly recognized as a hero, Lieutenant Robert E. Lee richly merits the admiration of this Legislative Body and his community for his consummate courage and bravery; he has uniquely distinguished himself and contributed significantly to the spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the cornerstone of public service and community life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lieutenant Robert E. Lee upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the James Gordon Bennett Medal, FDNY's highest honor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Robert E. Lee.