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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending 2nd Assistant Chief Todd Gray upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Firematic Life Saver Award by the Washington Heights Volunteer Fire Department on May 2, 2015

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 2nd Assistant Chief Todd Gray upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Firematic Life Saver Award by the Washington Heights Volunteer Fire Company to be celebrated at its 53rd Annual Installation Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 2, 2015, in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2015, the Washington Heights Volunteer Fire Department received a call for a mobile home on fire with entrapment; 2nd Assistant Chief Todd Gray was first on the scene and was alerted by neighbors the homeowner was still inside the residence; taking immediate action, he proceeded to enter the smoke and fire filled structure to the rear bedroom where the homeowner was found in his bed; and

WHEREAS, 2nd Assistant Chief Todd Gray advised the homeowner his home was on fire and escorted him through smoke and flames to a rear window; immediately after, two Town Police Officers escorted the man through the snow to safety; and

WHEREAS, Although the situation could have been a dire one, today, the man is alive and well; due to the quick and astute actions of 2nd Assistant Chief Todd Gray, a life was saved; and

WHEREAS, 2nd Assistant Chief Todd Gray through his courageous actions,

demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others; as a dedicated firefighter, this brave hero voluntarily responded when he knew one of his community members needed help; 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; 2nd

Assistant Chief Todd Gray is such a firefighter; throughout many 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 2nd Assistant Chief Todd Gray upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Firematic Life Saver Award by the Washington Heights Volunteer Fire Department on May 2, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to 2nd Assistant Chief Todd Gray.