

## 2015-J2368

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Eugene I. Foster upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 23 years of dedicated service to the South Floral Park 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 Eugene I. Foster upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 23 years of dedicated service to the South Floral Park Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at Antun's Restaurant, Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his many years of devoted service, Eugene I. Foster has ably served the South Floral Park Fire Department in numerous capacities including Chief, First Deputy Chief, and Captain; 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, A veteran of the United States Air Force serving during the Vietnam War, Eugene I. Foster is an active member of the American Legion, Nassau County Firemen's Association, FASNY and the Nassau County Chief's Council; 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; Eugene I. Foster is such a firefighter; throughout his 23 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 Eugene I. Foster for 23 years of dedicated service to the South Floral Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Eugene I. Foster.