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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Richard Baughan upon the occasion of his elevation to Honorary Chief after many years of dedicated service to the Mineola 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 Richard Baughan upon the occasion of his elevation to Honorary Chief after many years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Richard Baughan joined the Mineola Fire Department, and quickly became a valuable asset to the company; and

WHEREAS, For the past 42 years, this esteemed man has responded to alarms as a Structural Firefighter for Engine Three; and

WHEREAS, A Senior Control Technician by trade, Firefighter Richard Baughan worked for Grumman Aerospace for 38 years; his numerous accomplishments include helping to craft the NASA Lunar Module which is now displayed at The Smithsonian Institute; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure with the Mineola Fire Department, Firefighter Richard Baughan's technical expertise often found its way into various projects around the firehouse; he would frequently find ways to devise solutions which not only solved a particular problem, but also reflected his professional touch; and

WHEREAS, When the Mineola Fire Department sought to display American Flags on all of its apparatuses including the antiques, Firefighter Richard Baughan surveyed each piece and devised a carrier which would

allow the department to uniformly display the flag; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from Grumman, Firefighter Richard Baughan further devoted himself to serving the Mineola Fire Department, working on a project to painstakingly restore its antique fire engine; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Richard Baughan also dedicates countless hours to the Fire Prevention Program where he can often be found leading tours through the Mineola firehouse or making a fire prevention presentation to one of the area schools; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Loretta, and their six children, Laura, Nancy, Cathy, Marsha, Barbara, and Richard, as well as their two grandchildren, Amanda and Christina, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Richard Baughan is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 Richard Baughan upon the occasion of his elevation to Honorary Chief after many years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Richard Baughan.