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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Outgoing Chief James Pitzer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his dedicated service as Chief of the Manhasset-Lakeville 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 Outgoing Chief James Pitzer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his dedicated service as Chief of the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department, Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief James Pitzer joined the Department in 1993 and has ably served it as Company Secretary, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Company Captain, Deputy Chief and, most recently, as Chief of Department from 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief James Pitzer will be honored at the Department's Annual Installation Dinner to be held at the Marriott Hotel in Uniondale on Saturday, April 20, 2013; 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; James Pitzer is such a firefighter; throughout 19 years of devoted service, he has 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 Ex-Chief James Pitzer for his distinguished service to the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Chief James Pitzer.