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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ex-Chief Geoffrey P. Cole upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 38 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Volunteer 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 recognize and commend Ex-Chief Geoffrey P. Cole upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 38 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated at its annual installation dinner on Saturday, April 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Port Washington, Chief Geoffrey Cole was elected to membership in the Flower Hill Hose Company in February of 1975; he has served the Flower Hill Hose Company in every firematic position culminating with being the Company Captain in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Chief Cole was elected Second Assistant Chief for the first time in March of 1989 and has gone on to serve as Chief of Department on three separate occasions most recently ending his third term in office in March of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Cole has served as a chief officer of this Department for a combined total of 18 out of the past 24 years; during the six years that he was not a chief officer, he served with distinction on the Department's Board of Directors, including serving as the chairman of the Board from 2004-2007; additionally, he serves as the chairman and administrator of the Department's Length of Service Awards Program; and

WHEREAS, With Chief Geoffrey P. Cole throughout have been his wife, Linda who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activ-

ities 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; Geoffrey Cole is such a firefighter; throughout 38 years of devoted service, this volunteer 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 Geoffrey P. Cole upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 38 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Geoffrey P. Cole.