

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING outgoing Chief John Florio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 38 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor outgoing Chief John Florio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 38 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department, to be celebrated at an event on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Jericho Terrace in Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, John Florio joined the Hook and Ladder Company No. 2 of the Floral Park Fire Department; throughout his tenure, he has held all company line offices twice, and served on the Chief staff from 1992-1997; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, John Florio was once again elected to the esteemed title of Chief; he is the only member in the history of the Floral Park Fire Department to serve in this leadership position twice; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; 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; John Florio is such a firefighter; throughout 38 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 honor outgoing Chief John Florio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 38 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to outgoing Chief John Florio.