

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING Firefighter Joseph Raio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company

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 Firefighter Joseph Raio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Friday, June 2, 2017, at the New Hyde Park Inn; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Floral Park Centre Fire Company since 1982, Joseph Raio has held various positions on the Board of Directors since 1995; he currently holds the title of Vice President of Fire Company, the esteemed position he has held since 1997; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has been active in department operations, and has served as a trainer during drills; he is a lifetime member of the Fire Company and is also in charge of the food and beverage committee; 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; Joseph Raio is such a firefighter; throughout 35 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 Firefighter Joseph Raio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Joseph Raio.