

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

HONORING outgoing Chief Brad Wine upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of dedicated service to the Northport Volunteer 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 Brad Wine upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of dedicated service to the Northport Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 129th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at the Cold Spring Country Club in Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Brad Wine was born on July 18, 1973, to Bonnie (Berglund) and Edward Wine; and

WHEREAS, After joining the Northport Fire Department on February 5, 1998, Brad Wine served in several capacities including Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain, Second Assistant Chief, and First Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, Brad Wine's family has a long and distinguished history of service to the Northport Fire Department; following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father, uncle and brother, he has tirelessly served as Chief since 2016; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, this brave firefighter received a Unit Citation for the safe evacuation of individuals trapped on Makamah Beach Road during Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, during a fire at Gunther's Pub on Main Street in Northport, it was under the able leadership of Brad Wine that all of the tenants over the Pub and those in adjoining buildings were safely evacuated and the fire was quickly contained to protect the rest of the historic village; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Heather, who has shown him love and support and rejoices in his many achievements; 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; Brad Wine is such a firefighter; throughout 20 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 Brad Wine upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of dedicated service to the Northport Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Chief Brad Wine.