

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING Ex-Captain John Pease upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Hicksville 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 Ex-Captain John Pease upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated with a Barbeque Luncheon in his honor on Saturday, June 2, 2018, in Hicksville, New York; and

WHEREAS, John "Jack" Pease honorably served his country as a member of the United States Coast Guard from September of 1963 until August of 1967; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, John Pease joined the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department on February 13, 1968, as a member of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; in January of the following year, he transferred to Independent Engine & Hose Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious 50-year tenure, John Pease has served as 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant and Captain; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the Department, John Pease gave of his time and energies to numerous committees including the annual Labor Day committee and the Department picnic committee; he is also a member of the Hicks Drill Team and serves as a Trustee in the EXEMPTS Association since 2000; and

WHEREAS, John Pease is an active member of the Firemen's Association State of New York (FASNY), and proudly served the FDNY, retiring in 1999, from the esteemed position of Lieutenant; 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 Pease is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 Ex-Captain John Pease upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Captain John Pease.