

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Firefighter Patrick Fitzgerald upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Carle Place Fire Department on April 21, 2018

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 commend Firefighter Patrick Fitzgerald upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Carle Place Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 6, 1936, Patrick Fitzgerald joined the Carle Place Fire Department on May 1, 1968; one of his more memorable moments was when he helped save a baby who was choking on November 2, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Fitzgerald worked in the Chief's office for many years, and assumed the title of Chief in 1990, a position he held for two years; and

WHEREAS, Today, at the age of 81, Patrick Fitzgerald continues to be an active member of the Carle Place Fire Department, responding to a majority of its calls; 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; Patrick Fitzgerald 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

commend Firefighter Patrick Fitzgerald upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Carle Place Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Patrick Fitzgerald.