

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Ormond Smith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) on January 26, 2017

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

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life and property of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ormond Smith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the FDNY on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the FDNY Headquarters Auditorium, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In his role as Former Lieutenant of the FDNY, Ormond Smith is recognized for his hard work, dedication and commitment to public service; 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, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their job with the utmost concern and professionalism; 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; and

WHEREAS, Ormond Smith was such a firefighter; throughout his years of devoted service, this man 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 Ormond Smith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the FDNY on January 26, 2017; and be it further

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

transmitted to Ormond Smith.