

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING outgoing Chief Michael Gannon upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 19 years of dedicated service to the Roslyn Highlands 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 Michael Gannon upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 19 years of dedicated service to the Roslyn Highlands Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Engineers Country Club, Roslyn Harbor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Michael Gannon served as Chief of Roslyn Highlands Fire Department from 2016 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, A 19-year member of the organization, Michael Gannon joined the Roslyn Highlands Fire Department when he was still a high school student; he has been an officer for more than 10 years, serving in the offices of EMS Lieutenant as well as Fire Lieutenant, Captain and Chief; and

WHEREAS, Michael Gannon has served as Officer in Charge at numerous structure fires and other emergencies, including during Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his esteemed role with the Roslyn Highlands Fire Department, Michael Gannon is a 2nd Grade Detective with the NYPD assigned to ESU Truck 7 in Brooklyn; 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, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; 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;

Michael Gannon is such a firefighter; throughout 19 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 Michael Gannon upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 19 years of dedicated service to the Roslyn Highlands Fire Department; and be it further

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