

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING ex-Captain Daniel Redmond upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola 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 commend ex-Captain Daniel Redmond upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department to be celebrated at an event on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Daniel Redmond joined the Mineola Fire Department; he enjoyed learning new skills and participating in various training exercises, and was a vital member of the Department's bowling league, gun club, and band; and

WHEREAS, While a member of Truck Company 2, Daniel Redmond served in several positions over the course of his career in the Mineola Fire Department including Chairman of the Kitchen Committee, Chairman of the Golf Outing Committee, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Captain, Vice President, President, and Warden for 14 years; Daniel has held the esteemed title of President of Truck Company 2 for the past 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Redmond also served as Chairman of the Length of Service Award Program and delegate for the Southern New York Volunteer Fireman's Association, and helped program the Department's first computers and sub drive; and

WHEREAS, When he was not at the firehouse, Daniel Redmond was a member of Grumman's F-III Engineering team, and was a Field Engineer for IBM; for 44 years, he served as a general contractor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his five decades of service, Daniel Redmond has always stayed true to his mantra of always being a consummate professional while on the job; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Patty, and his two stepsons, Robert and Michael; one step-daughter, Patti; one son-in-law, Peter; one daughter-in-law, Agnes; and eight grandchildren, Stephen,

A.J., Samantha, Nicholas, Justin, Brandon, Ryan and Dylan, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice 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; Daniel Redmond 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 ex-Captain Daniel Redmond upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Captain Daniel Redmond.