

Senate Resolution No. 5445

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING ex-Chief James A. Interdonati upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1

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-Chief James A. Interdonati upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, to be celebrated at its 132nd Installation Dinner on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at the Port Washington Yacht Club, Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Port Washington, James A. Interdonati was elected to membership in the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 in February of 1968; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, James A. Interdonati has served the Company in every firematic position, culminating Company Captain from 1982 to 1983; he served as Fire Marshal of the Port Washington Fire Department from 1991 to 1993, followed by Chief of the Port Washington Fire Department from 1997 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, James A. Interdonati served as President of Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 from 2004 to 2005, and again from 2013 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, A retired member of FDNY, James A. Interdonati is active in numerous firematic organizations throughout New York State; he served as President of Nassau County Fireman's Association, President of the North Shore Fire Council, and currently serves as Trustee of FASNY Fireman's Home; 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; James A. Interdonati 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-Chief James A. Interdonati upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Chief James A. Interdonati.