

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING outgoing Chief Paul V. Sokol upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park 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 Paul V. Sokol upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Inspection Dinner on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, A member of the New Hyde Park Fire Department since October 20, 1980, Paul V. Sokol was elected and served as Chief of the Department from 2012 to 2016; in addition, he is a member of the Active Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 where he has served as Captain as well as 1st and 2nd Lieutenant; 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; Paul V. Sokol is such a firefighter; throughout 36 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 Paul V. Sokol upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Chief Paul V. Sokol.

