

Senate Resolution No. 1782

BY: Senator BROOKS

COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated on February 26, 2022

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for over a century of dedicated volunteer service to the citizens of Bellmore, New York and its surrounding communities; to celebrate this milestone event a dinner will be held at the Garden City Hotel on Saturday, February 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 125 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 125 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department began in 1897, when the Advance Hook, Ladder and Engine Company No. 1 was organized; Hose Company No. 1 followed in 1922, and Engine Company No. 2 followed three years later; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the West End Engine Company No. 3 was established in 2002, and serves as the most recent addition to the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, The Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department is an all-volunteer department with approximately 100 men and women making up the ranks of highly trained firefighters and fire medics; these heroic volunteers provide round-the-clock protection to residents, business people and workers living and employed in an area of approximately four square miles; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department are prepared to risk their lives every day to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 125 years, from the early days of a bell ringing to sound an alarm of fire, to a state-of-the-art volunteer fire service, the men and women of the

Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department are proud to serve their community;
and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should give special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer fire departments of this great Empire State, their officers and auxiliaries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department.