

Senate Resolution No. 1997

**BY:** Senator GAUGHRAN

**HONORING** ex-Chief Frank Mantegari upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Oyster Bay Fire 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 Frank Mantegari upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Oyster Bay Fire Company No. 1 to be celebrated at its 134th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at The Crescent Club in Bayville, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Frank Mantegari joined the Oyster Bay Fire Company No. 1 in 1971; and

**WHEREAS,** He was a member of the state championship drill team in 1974; after serving as a Trustee for several years, he quickly rose through the ranks, achieving the title of Lieutenant, then Captain, then 2nd Assistant Chief, followed by 1st Assistant Chief, and then held the esteemed rank of Chief from 1994 to 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** Ex-Chief Frank Mantegari continues to be an integral part of the Fire Company and proudly remains today as one of the top responders of Oyster Bay; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his five decades of service, he has continually demonstrated a high knowledge and understanding of leadership, training, and educational roles with the department and his crews; 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; ex-Chief Frank Mantegari is one such 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 Frank Mantegari upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Oyster Bay Fire Company No. 1; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Chief Frank Mantegari.