

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Chief Brian McQuaid upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 12 years of dedicated service to the Bellerose 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 Chief Brian McQuaid upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 12 years of dedicated service to the Bellerose Fire Department to be celebrated on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at The Inn at New Hyde Park in Long Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chief Brian McQuaid has been an active firefighter of the Bellerose Fire Department since 2010; throughout his years of service, he held several positions within the Department, including Lieutenant, Captain and First Assistant Chief; he also served for an extended term as Chief during the challenging and difficult period of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, With a ceaseless dedication to his beloved community and its more than 1,200 residents, this brave firefighter is truly committed to keeping Bellerose a safe place to work, play and raise a family; 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; Brian McQuaid is one such firefighter; throughout 12 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 Chief Brian McQuaid upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 12 years of dedicated service to the Bellerose Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Brian McQuaid.