

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING ex-Captain Raymond Granville upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Hicksville Volunteer 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 ex-Captain Raymond Granville upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at an informal event on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Station 3 on Strong Street; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Granville joined Emergency Company 5 of the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department in 1992; throughout his 30 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including: 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, and two terms as Captain from 2004-2005 and 2014-2015; he also served on many committees, such as the Training Committee where he was a Trainer; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Granville officially retired from the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department in 2022, and plans to move to Florida; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his valuable volunteer work with Emergency Company 5, Raymond Granville proudly served his country as an instructor at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, for over two decades; 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; Raymond Granville is one such firefighter; throughout 30 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-Captain Raymond Granville upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Captain Raymond Granville.