

Senate Resolution No. 2250

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING ex-Chief Anthony J. Gagliardi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 47 years of dedicated service to the Williston 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 ex-Chief Anthony J. Gagliardi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 47 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park Fire Department to be celebrated at its 95th Annual Installation Dinner at the Milleridge Cottage, in Jericho, New York, on Saturday, April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief Anthony J. Gagliardi joined the Williston Park Fire Department on December 16, 1974; he has held numerous positions, including: 2nd Lieutenant, Company 3 from April of 1987 until April of 1988; 1st Lieutenant, Company 3 from April 1988 until April of 1990; Captain, Company 3 from April of 1990 until April of 1992; Warden, Company 3 from April of 1993 until April of 1998; 2nd Assistant Chief from April of 1998 until April of 2000; 1st Assistant Chief, April of 2000 until April of 2002; and Chief of the Department from April of 2002 until April of 2002 as well as April of 2010 until April of 2012; 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; Anthony J. Gagliardi is one such firefighter; throughout 47 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 Anthony J. Gagliardi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 47 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Chief Anthony J. Gagliardi.