

BY: Senator BROOKS

HONORING Firefighter James Santoli upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Lindenhurst 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 James Santoli upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Lindenhurst Fire Department to be celebrated at its Service Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Port Washington, New York, and a graduate of Port Washington High School, James Santoli was drafted into the United States Army in 1952, serving as a Medic in Korea in 1953, and returning home in 1954; and

WHEREAS, He met his future wife, Marjorie Krog in 1954, and the two united in marriage in 1956, moving to Lindenhurst soon after; she was a 40-year member of the Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, James Santoli joined the Liberty Hose Company in 1961, serving 10 years before transferring to the Union Hook & Ladder Company where he served as Captain; he then joined the Lindenhurst Volunteer Fire Department in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer 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, With him throughout have been his four children, Philip, Gaye Ellen (William Kienle), Craig, and Mark; his five grandchildren, Ryan Kienle, William Kienle, Jr., Ashley Ashcroft, Kristi Santoli, and Jamie Santoli; and his four great-grandchildren, Brook, Breane, Antonia, and Lila; 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;

James Santoli is one such firefighter; throughout 60 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 Firefighter James Santoli upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter James Santoli.