

BY: Senator BROOKS

HONORING Firefighter Paul Johnsen Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the North 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Firefighter Paul Johnsen, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Inspection/Installation Dinner on Saturday, May 14, 2022, in Melville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Paul Johnsen, Jr. joined North Lindenhurst Fire Department as a Junior member in 1991, and began serving his community as a firefighter the following year in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Early in his membership, Paul Johnsen, Jr. became a member of the Rescue Squad where he assisted in numerous life-saving rescues; he is also a member of the Fire Police Company No. 5, and in 2003, he was elected to the esteemed rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, A resident of North Lindenhurst, Paul Johnsen, Jr. is a tremendous asset to his department and community, giving tirelessly of his time and energies to the Annual Fire Prevention program; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Jennifer, and his son, Brett, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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; Paul Johnsen, Jr. 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 Firefighter Paul Johnsen, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Paul Johnsen, Jr.