

Senate Resolution No. 2638

**BY:** Senator BROOKS

**HONORING** Firefighter James Gilliland 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 James Gilliland 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,** James Gilliland joined the North Lindenhurst Fire Department in 1992; he was assigned as a firefighter to Engine Company No. 1, prior to which he served Nassau County as a respected asset to both fire and rescue emergencies; and

**WHEREAS,** A certified EMT instructor, James Gilliland is also the QA/QI chairman; in this capacity, he has arranged for study groups to assist rescue company members achieve their emergency medical certifications; in addition, this knowledgeable man has instructed coaches and parents from various athletic organizations in CPR; and

**WHEREAS,** James Gilliland was the proud recipient of the 1992 EMT of the Year Award for successfully delivering and resuscitating a newborn in transit to the hospital; and

**WHEREAS,** Contributing to the emergency medical services since 1986, James Gilliland has continued to elevate his level of training, beginning as an EMT, and attaining certification as an EMT-CC and EMT-Paramedic; he is currently an EMT instructor throughout Suffolk County; and

**WHEREAS,** His special commitment, patience, and dedication to educate students and residents in emergency medical care remains a valuable contribution; 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; James Gilliland 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 James Gilliland 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 James Gilliland.