

Senate Resolution No. 1993

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Carl Wheat upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the West Winfield Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by, and indebted to, our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 Carl Wheat upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the West Winfield Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Carl Wheat has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the firefighting service; and

WHEREAS, A member of the West Winfield Fire Department since January of 1974, Carl Wheat has served to protect his community from the hazards to life and property as an EMT, ambulance driver, and fire policeman; he has also fulfilled his role as Secretary on the department's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Carl Wheat is a West Winfield Village Board Member; he gives his time, energy, and dedication to churches and the Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected men and women 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; Carl Wheat is such a firefighter; throughout his 50 years of devoted service, he 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 Carl Wheat upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the West Winfield Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carl Wheat.