

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Firefighter James P. O'Donnell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 65 years of service to the Sea Cliff Fire Department on April 19, 2024

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 Firefighter James P. O'Donnell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 65 years of service to the Sea Cliff Fire Department, to be recognized at the Department Dinner on April 19, 2024, at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, James P. O'Donnell joined the Enterprise Hose Co. on January 13, 1959, and achieved the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in 1966, before transferring to the Hook & Ladder Company in 1969; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated fireman went on to hold the positions of Warden from 1980 to 2015, Treasurer from 1982 to 2015, and Chief Driver of the Ladder from 1981 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter James P. O'Donnell, as a result of his dedication and pride in upholding the honorable values and practices of those volunteer firefighters which so valiantly serve this State and Nation, was awarded Fireman of the Year in 1979; 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, 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 P. O'Donnell is one such firefighter; throughout 65 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 P. O'Donnell upon the occasion of his

designation for special recognition after 65 years of service to the Sea Cliff Fire Department on April 19, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter James P. O'Donnell.