

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Honorary Chief Colin Kaletsky upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department's Engine Company No. 1, on May 16, 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, 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 congratulate Honorary Chief Colin Kaletsky upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department's Engine Company No. 1, to be recognized at a 50th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at Stewart Manor Country Club in Stewart Manor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Colin Kaletsky joined Engine Company No. 1 of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department in March of 1974, going on to serve in various capacities within the department, including: Chairman of the Picture Committee; Chairman of the Grave Marking Committee; Secretary, Financial Secretary, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and Captain of the same Company; 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 deserve just commendation by all citizens of this State and Nation for whom they serve to protect; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his beloved wife, Rhonda, and cherished son, Andrew, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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; Honorary Captain Colin Kaletsky is one such firefighter; throughout 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 congratulate Honorary Chief Colin Kaletsky upon the occasion of his

designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department's Engine Company No. 1, on May 16, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Honorary Chief Colin Kaletsky.