

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**HONORING** volunteer Firefighter Thomas J. Ryan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1, Port Washington 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,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor volunteer Firefighter Thomas J. Ryan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1, Port Washington Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 131st Annual Installation/Inspection Dinner on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the North Hempstead Country Club in Port Washington, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Thomas J. Ryan has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS,** A member of Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1, Port Washington Fire Department since February 1, 1973, Thomas J. Ryan has served on various new truck committees and as company engineer many times throughout his tenure; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his fire company, Thomas J. Ryan is currently on the 8th Battalion Bowling League and serves as Delegate to the Southern New York Fireman's Association; and

**WHEREAS,** Through his years of service, Thomas J. Ryan has proudly worked alongside his sons, Justin and Corey; brothers, ex-Chief Raymond and Bobby; and his late father, Robert, who have all shown him love and support 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; Thomas J. Ryan is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 volunteer Firefighter Thomas J. Ryan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1, Port Washington Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to volunteer Firefighter Thomas J. Ryan.