

Senate Resolution No. 282

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**COMMENDING** outgoing Chief Robert Gallagher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 15 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department on February 25, 2023

**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 commend outgoing Chief Robert Gallagher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 15 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Inspection Dinner on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Russo's On The Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Gallagher joined the New Hyde Park Fire Department on August 21, 2007; throughout his more than 15 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including: Deputy Chief and Chief from 2018-2022; he is also an active member of the Estates Engine Company No. 3 where he has served as Captain, 1st Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; they 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; outgoing Chief Robert Gallagher is such a firefighter; throughout more than 15 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 commend outgoing Chief Robert Gallagher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 15 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department on February 25, 2023; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to outgoing Chief Robert Gallagher.