

Senate Resolution No. 1588

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING the Mineola Junior Fire Department upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Annual Pasta Dinner on March 8, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Mineola Junior Fire Department upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Annual Pasta Dinner at the Mineola Community Center on Sunday, March 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Mineola Junior Fire Department celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2026, and looks back fondly on all its valuable community service endeavors as it approaches this remarkable milestone; and

WHEREAS, The Mineola Junior Firefighters dedicate countless hours training under the supervision of volunteer firefighters and attend pertinent classes, learning valuable skills and knowledge for the profession; and

WHEREAS, The Mineola Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of 50 former juniors, with six former juniors having become the chief of the department, and three current juniors hold staff positions under the current fire chief; and

WHEREAS, The highly regarded endeavors of the members of the Mineola Junior Fire Department include their annual Operation Santa program, the Villages Halloween Party, shoveling senior homes and fire hydrants after snowstorms, and fundraising for various charities and for the New York State Firemen's Home; and

WHEREAS, The impacts of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department are far reaching; this junior department is the first junior program in the United States to exchange with a European junior program, coordinating with the Hamburg Stellingen German Juniors in 2007 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Further proving the international reach of this impressive program, The Mineola Juniors have been visited twice by a delegation of top Japanese officials who studied the junior program for its development in Japan; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Mineola Junior Fire Department is in direct correlation to the efforts of its leaders and its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the

community they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Mineola Junior Fire Department upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Annual Pasta Dinner on March 8, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mineola Junior Fire Department.