

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Fire Supervising Dispatcher Rodni Leftwich Sr. for his heroic efforts in assisting the response to a fire emergency

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Fire Supervising Dispatcher Rodni Leftwich Sr. for his heroic efforts in assisting the response to a fire emergency, who will be celebrated at the Glen Cove Fire Department's Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Rodni Leftwich Sr. is such an individual; and

WHEREAS, Rodni Leftwich Sr. is a fire supervising dispatcher serving the Glen Cove, New York, community, and during his shift on Thursday, April 17, 2025, he received a call via Nassau 911 from an individual who was in a building fire; and

WHEREAS, The distressed individual calling Nassau 911 reported that she and her family were trapped on the second floor of the burning building and had no way to escape; while the woman provided information, Rodni Leftwich Sr. was on the other end of the phone, collecting all necessary details in a calm and focused manner; and

WHEREAS, Rodni Leftwich Sr. took all the essential information from the distressed caller and promptly reported it to Glen Cove Fire Department First Assistant Chief Justin Valeo, who was already arriving at the scene; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Rodni Leftwich Sr.'s quick communication, the firefighters responding to the scene were aware of at-risk lives within the burning building, and they were able to prioritize evacuation efforts at the scene; 12 individuals were successfully evacuated from the building by first responders; and

WHEREAS, Rodni Leftwich Sr.'s service as a fire supervising dispatcher is essential to the success of fire rescue efforts; without the work of Rodni Leftwich Sr. and other dispatchers, brave first responders would not be able to quickly prepare and respond to emergencies throughout their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Fire Supervising Dispatcher Rodni Leftwich Sr. for his heroic efforts in assisting the response to a fire emergency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Supervising Dispatcher Rodni Leftwich Sr.