

Senate Resolution No. 1747

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Robert Kropacek upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Protection Engine Company No. 1 of the Port Washington Fire Department

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 honor Robert Kropacek upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Protection Engine Company No. 1 of the Port Washington Fire Department, to be celebrated on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the company's annual installation/inspection dinner at the North Hempstead Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Robert Kropacek has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the fire service; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his career with Port Washington Fire Department in 1976, Robert Kropacek has served as Company Engineer, Acting Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer of the Ranger Club, Chairman of Grave Committee, Alarm Committee, By-law Committee and 100th Anniversary Committee; he is also a Certified MPO and recipient of the Company High Point Awards; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected heroes 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; Robert Kropacek is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, this firefighter 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 Robert Kropacek upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Protection Engine Company No. 1 of the Port Washington Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Kropacek.