

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Firefighter Rushi Vaidya upon the occasion of his designation as 2025 Firefighter of the Year by the East Williston 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 Firefighter Rushi Vaidya upon the occasion of his designation as 2025 Firefighter of the Year by the East Williston Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 136th Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the Wheatley Hills Golf Club in East Williston, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rushi Vaidya has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters perform selfless tasks quietly and often without the recognition they deserve, risking their lives daily to protect the lives and property of the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Rushi Vaidya is receiving this auspicious award for demonstrating exceptional dedication, courage, and commitment to his profession, going above and beyond the call of duty in service to his community; 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; Rushi Vaidya is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 Firefighter Firefighter Rushi Vaidya upon the occasion of his designation as 2025 Firefighter of the Year by the East Williston Fire

Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Rushi Vaidya.