

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

PAYING tribute to the life and valiant service of
Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson, who died on March
23, 2018

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant 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, Lieutenant Michael Davidson of the New York City Fire Department heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved this day to record the passing of Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson; while responding to an emergency call on March 23, 2018, he made the supreme sacrifice; leaving behind his beloved wife, Eileen, and their four precious children; and

WHEREAS, Having served for Engine 69 like his father, Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson served for 15 years, having been cited four times for bravery life-saving actions; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson genuinely loved being a firefighter; he was a vital member of the Floral Park community as well as the Harlem based, Engine 69; he volunteered countless hours of service to not only his Floral Park neighbors, but to numerous lives in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Known by many as a natural born leader and one of the finest firefighters in the State of New York, Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson was a cherished member of the Fire Department of New York (FDNY); and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson's engine team and neighbors feel truly blessed to have known and loved him; he was a devoted father and a beloved husband who dedicated his life to caring for his family; he will be remembered as a warm and caring friend who was always ready to lend a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his meritorious life, Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson touched many people through his kindness and commitment to service, and, as we recall the loss of this great man, we memorialize his remarkable life and the enormous impact he had on everyone with whom he came in contact; and

WHEREAS, Having passed too soon, Michael R. Davidson, has been

posthumously raised to the esteemed ranking of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of a courageous firefighter who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life and valiant service of Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson who died on March 23, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson.