

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Daniel A. Nigro upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Firefighters & EMS Foundation Special Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Daniel A. Nigro upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Firefighters & EMS Foundation Special Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Daniel A. Nigro currently serves as the 33rd Fire Commissioner of the City of New York Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio in 2014, Daniel A. Nigro serves as civilian administrator and head of the Department; he is only the sixth individual to hold every rank in the agency's history; and

WHEREAS, Daniel A. Nigro began his illustrious career as a Firefighter at Engine 21 in Manhattan on November 29, 1969; rising through the ranks, he served as a Lieutenant at Engine 35 in East Harlem; in Division 14 in Queens and Engine 8 in Manhattan as a Captain; and in Battalion 19 in the Bronx and Battalion 28 in Brooklyn as a Battalion Chief; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Battalion Chief, Daniel A. Nigro served in several administrative positions at Headquarters including the Chief of Personnel and the Chief of the Bureau of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, Upon his promotion to Deputy Chief in 1993, Daniel A. Nigro served in Division 3 in Manhattan; one year later he was appointed Deputy Assistant Chief, during which time he was instrumental in merging the Emergency Medical Service into the FDNY; and

WHEREAS, Following the merger, Daniel A. Nigro became the Chief in Charge of EMS, and in 1997, he was promoted to Chief of Operations, overseeing all operations and training for more than 14,000 uniformed Fire and EMS personnel; and

WHEREAS, Daniel A. Nigro was appointed to Chief of Department

following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center; during this time, he was responsible for overseeing all rescue and recovery operations at the World Trade Center and the beginning of the unprecedented rebuilding of the Department; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Daniel A. Nigro held the highest uniformed rank, overseeing all major FDNY Bureaus including: Operations, Training, EMS, Communications and Fire Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Daniel A. Nigro is the son of FDNY Captain Daniel Nigro; he currently resides in Queens with his wife, Lynn; 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; Daniel A. Nigro is such a firefighter; throughout many years of devoted service, this esteemed man 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 Daniel A. Nigro upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Firefighters & EMS Foundation Special Achievement Award by the National Police Defense Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Daniel A. Nigro.