

**BY:** Senator GOLDEN

**COMMENDING** Martin Tighe upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Detective Barney Ferguson Emerald Legacy Fund on May 31, 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**, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Martin Tighe upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Detective Barney Ferguson Emerald Legacy Fund to be celebrated at its 4th Annual 10-13/May Day Event on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Juliano's Restaurant in New Rochelle, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of singular distinction, Martin Tighe has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in July of 1964 in the Bronx, New York, Martin "Marty" Tighe grew up in Throggs Neck where he attended St. Francis de Chantal Grammar School, and graduated from St. Raymond's High School for Boys in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, In January of 1985, Martin Tighe joined the New York City Transit Police Department; throughout his five-year tenure, he patrolled streets and rode subways in the Times Square area; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Tighe then began his long and distinguished career with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) with Engine 8 in Midtown-Manhattan; shortly thereafter, he transferred to Engine 88 in the Belmont section of the Bronx, where he served for 24 years until his official retirement; in this capacity, he played a vital role in five unit citations; and

**WHEREAS**, Devoted to his profession and his fellow firefighters, Martin Tighe served for 20 years as company delegate for the Uniformed Firefighters Association (UFA), and Holy Name Society, where he helped organize the Annual St. Patrick's Day Party for the firemen; and

**WHEREAS**, After his much deserved retirement from the FDNY, Martin Tighe continues to serve as the retirement liaison for the UFA; and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout have been his wife, Kathleen, and their two sons, Brendan and Liam, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; 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; Marty Tighe was such a firefighter; throughout many years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which defined the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Marty Tighe upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Detective Barney Ferguson Emerald Legacy Fund on May 31, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Marty Tighe.