BY: Senator KAPLAN

COMMENDING Firefighter John Sautkulis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1

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 commend Firefighter John Sautkulis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, to be celebrated at its 133rd Annual Installation and Inspection Dinner in Port Washington, New York, on Saturday, June 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, John Sautkulis was elected to membership in the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, in December of 1968; for many years, he held the position of Company Steward, and served on numerous committees throughout his five decades; 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; Firefighter John Sautkulis is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 commend Firefighter John Sautkulis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter John Sautkulis.