BY: Senator KAPLAN

**COMMENDING** Ex-Captain/President Peter Whitcomb 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 Ex-Captain/President Peter Whitcomb 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, Peter Whitcomb was elected to membership in the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, in December of 1968; in addition to serving as both Captain and President, he has served in nearly every other firefighting and administrative officer position; today, he remains active as a Trustee of Company No. 1, and Safety Officer for the Port Washington Fire Department; 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; Ex-Captain/President Peter Whitcomb 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 Ex-Captain/President Peter Whitcomb 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 Ex-Captain/President Peter Whitcomb.