

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Firefighter Garrett E. Shuart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department

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 honor Firefighter Garrett E. Shuart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Fire Banquet on Saturday, February 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Garrett E. Shuart admirably served his country in the United States Marine Corp for six years; upon the completion of his service, he worked for the New York State Department of Transportation for two years, and the New York State Department of Corrections, the position from which he retired after 25 years of honorable service; and

WHEREAS, Upon joining the Southport Fire Department and throughout his 50 years of service, Firefighter Garrett E. Shuart held several positions within the Department including: Lieutenant, Captain and four terms as fire company President; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife Nancy, and his three children, who have all 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; Garrett E. Shuart is one such 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 honor Firefighter Garrett E. Shuart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Garrett E. Shuart.