BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

HONORING ex-Chief Martha Brenner upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the State of New York who, in the course of their jobs, perform acts of heroic dimension; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Martha Brenner upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad; and

WHEREAS, Huntington Community First Aid Squad (HCFAS) is a volunteer agency providing Advanced Life Support and Emergency Medical Services to the people of the Town of Huntington since 1967; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer ambulance corps members are an important part of the safety net of America's healthcare system; they provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious career which has traversed five decades, Martha Brenner has held many positions within the department, including ALS Provider, Crew leader, Driver, CPR Instructor, Director, Vice President of the Board of Directors, Staffing and Schedule Coordinator and Day Captain; in addition, she has served on the Review Training Committee, Membership Committee and Service Awards Committee; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Martha Brenner has been the 40th and 50th Anniversary Committee Chair and Editor of the 40th and 50th Squad History Book; and

WHEREAS, A Life Member of the Huntington Community First Aid Squad, Martha Brenner recently became the dispatcher for the Thursday 1500 shift; she also serves as Co-Chair of the Fund Drive Committee and Historical Committee Chair; and

WHEREAS, On many occasions, Martha Brenner has acted with bravery and steady precision in dealing with the risk and drama of emergency situations; she has served her Squad with dignity and honor, truly making a difference in the lives of those with whom she works and the residents of her community; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Martha Brenner has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of her duties, Martha Brenner has demonstrated her character and her compassion for the welfare of others; she is a tremendous asset to her EMS Unit and a distinguished citizen of the State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor ex-Chief Martha Brenner upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Huntington Community First Aid Squad; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Chief Martha Brenner.