

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Ex-Captain James Dello-Iacono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook and 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 honor Ex-Captain James Dello-Iacono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, to be celebrated at the 136th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, June 18, 2022, in Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Captain James Dello-Iacono joined the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 in 1987 and again in 2008; throughout his 25 years of service, he held the position of Captain in 1996, and again in 2012-2013; he also has served on numerous Company and Department level committees; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous efforts, Ex-Captain James Dello-Iacono was awarded the Silver Medal of Valor for his successful rescue of a 60-year-old woman and a five-year-old child from the second floor bedroom of a fully flame-engulfed house in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Since joining the Department, Ex-Captain James Dello-Iacono has been a member of the Port Washington Fire Department Softball Team; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Captain James Dello-Iacono is married to his beloved wife, Lisa, and is a devoted father of his three cherished children, Jimmy, Kaylee, and Mateo; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer 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 James Dello-Iacono 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 Ex-Captain James Dello-Iacono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Captain James Dello-Iacono.