Senate Resolution No. 652

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Captain Brian O'Donnell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sea Cliff Fire Department in honor of his prompt and heroic actions on March 5, 2022

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 Captain Brian O'Donnell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sea Cliff Fire Department in honor of his prompt and heroic actions on March 5, 2022, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Captain Brian O'Donnell has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, On March 5, 2022, the Sea Cliff Fire Department was alerted for a person pinned by a car in the rear of St Luke's Church in Sea Cliff, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival on scene, Captain Brian O'Donnell and his fellow crew members located an elderly woman with her foot stuck between the wheel of her car and brake caliper; remaining calm under pressure and without hesitation, these courageous men executed a plan and the woman was successfully extricated and transported to North Shore Manhasset where doctors were able to save her foot with minimal damage; 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; Captain Brian O'Donnell is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 Captain Brian O'Donnell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sea Cliff Fire Department in honor of his prompt, heroic and lifesaving actions on March 5, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain Brian O'Donnell.