Senate Resolution No. 784

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**HONORING** Firefighter Joseph Raio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre 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 Joseph Raio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Department to be celebrated at the Installation Dinner to be held at the Inn in New Hyde Park, New York, on Saturday, April 29, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Raio joined the Floral Park Centre Fire Department four decades ago; in addition, he has been an active member of the department and served on the Executive Board of commissioners for the past 15 years; 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; Joseph Raio is one such firefighter; throughout 40 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 Joseph Raio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Joseph Raio.