Senate Resolution No. 1405

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Charles "Chucky" Bernard McGuire, distinguished citizen, firefighter, veteran, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Charles "Chucky" Bernard McGuire of Montrose, New York, died on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Born to Marion and William McGuire on June 9, 1949, Charles B. McGuire graduated from Hendrick Hudson High School and achieved honor roll in the studies of heating and ventilation; and

WHEREAS, After completing high school, Charles B. McGuire began working with the United Engineers at Indian Point until he enlisted to serve in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. McGuire distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a strong sense of duty, Charles B. McGuire served in the Vietnam War from 1969-1972 as an SP5 in the 36th Engineering Construction Battalion; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service in the Vietnam War, Charles B. McGuire received several decorations and medals, including the Vietnam Service Medal Sharpshooter M-16, two Overseas Bars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, After returning from Vietnam, Charles B. McGuire married his high school sweetheart Gale (Altman) McGuire, and together they raised their family for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, One of Charles B. McGuire's greatest legacies is his spirit of service and dedication to the Cortlandt Engine Company and the Montrose Fire Department where he proudly served as a volunteer for 54 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. McGuire's commitment to his community inspired him to work tirelessly to ensure his area was safe and protected; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure at the fire department, Charles B. McGuire served on the Board of Governors and was an active trainer and mentor to new members; and

WHEREAS, While Charles B. McGuire was committed to all aspects of

firefighting, his true passion was caring for Engine 122, and oftentimes he spent Sunday mornings cleaning the engine and ensuring it was prepared to respond to any calls; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his fire service, Charles B. McGuire was named Firefighter of the Year several times and won awards for most calls attended to; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. McGuire's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. McGuire is survived by his three children, Tana McGuire, Meranda McGuire, and Shaun McGuire; his grandchildren, Nicholas Turner and Olivia O'Toole; his brothers, William McGuire, John McGuire, and David Gordon (Debby); his sisters, Jane Maxwell (Randy) and Darlene Carbone (Stephen); and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Charles B. McGuire leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Charles "Chucky" Bernard McGuire, distinguished citizen, firefighter, veteran, and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Charles "Chucky" Bernard McGuire.