Senate Resolution No. 1735

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**HONORING** Ex-Chief Philip WM. Grella Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Glen Cove 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 Ex-Chief Philip WM. Grella Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Glen Cove Fire Department, to be celebrated at the Glen Cove Fire Department's Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 11, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Ex-Chief Philip WM. Grella Jr. has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS,** Filled with a strong desire to lead his fellow firefighters, Ex-Chief Philip WM. Grella Jr. served as chief of the department from 2016-2017 and, most recently, from 2024-2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Under Ex-Chief Philip WM. Grella Jr.'s strong leadership, the Glen Cove Fire Department was able to serve its community with care, compassion, and strength; 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; Ex-Chief Philip WM. Grella Jr. is such a firefighter; throughout his many 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-Chief Philip WM. Grella Jr. upon the occasion of his

designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Chief Philip WM. Grella Jr.