

Senate Resolution No. 1762

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Ex-Chief Thomas Rahilly, Jr., upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service

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 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 Thomas Rahilly, Jr., upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Oyster Bay Fire Department, to be recognized at its 138th Annual Installation Dinner on Friday, May 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Rahilly, Jr., of Oyster Bay, New York, has been in the fire service and a member of Oyster Bay Fire Dept for more than 25 years; he and his wife, Crystal, live with their sons in the Oyster Bay community; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Rahilly, Jr., also briefly lived and served in the community of Port Washington before returning to his roots in Oyster Bay; and

WHEREAS, Quite knowledgeable in his medical experience, Thomas Rahilly, Jr., is also a paramedic; he is approachable and pragmatic when it comes to fire and EMS operations; and

WHEREAS, Within the Department, Thomas Rahilly, Jr., has held various officer positions, concluding his first term as Chief; he has perpetuated the family tradition by emulating his father who also served the Department as Chief; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Rahilly, Jr., has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; 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;

Thomas Rahilly, Jr., 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 honor Ex-Chief Thomas Rahilly, Jr., upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Oyster Bay Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Chief Thomas Rahilly, Jr.