

Senate Resolution No. 1832

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING outgoing Chief Thomas Farina upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 17 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park 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 outgoing Chief Thomas Farina upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 17 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 116th Annual Installation-Inspection Dinner on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, Chief Thomas Farina was appointed to membership in the New Hyde Park Fire Department in February 2009, and, through his steadfast dedication and exemplary service, rose through the ranks of Protection Engine Company No. 2, where he served with distinction as Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and Captain; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was elected to the leadership of the New Hyde Park Fire Department, serving honorably as Deputy Chief and Chief from January 2021 through December 2025, providing outstanding guidance, commitment, and service to his department and community; 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; Chief Thomas Farina is such a firefighter; throughout 17 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 outgoing Chief Thomas Farina upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 17 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Chief Thomas Farina.