Senate Resolution No. 1874

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING John Chester upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 John Chester upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park Fire Department to be celebrated at the Annual Inspection and Inspection Dinner on April 25, 2026, at the Milleridge Cottage in Jericho, New York; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his service in December of 1985, John Chester has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the fire service; and

WHEREAS, As a member of Hose and Salvage Company No. 3, John Chester has proudly served as 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, 2nd Assistant Chief, 1st Assistant Chief and Chief of Department; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected heroes 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; John Chester is such a firefighter; throughout 30 years of devoted service, he 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 John Chester upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to John Chester.