Senate Resolution No. 1878

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Richard Santopetro upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 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 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 Richard Santopetro upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park Fire Department, to be celebrated at the Annual Inspection and Inspection Dinner on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Milleridge Cottage; and

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

WHEREAS, With a desire to serve those in his community, Richard Santopetro joined the Williston Park Fire Department as a member of Engine Company No. 1 on August 1, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Over Richard Santopetro's five decades of service, he has served the Williston Park Fire Department in various roles, including as 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, and Warden; 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; Richard Santopetro is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 Richard Santopetro upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 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 Richard Santopetro.