

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING Andrew Matalone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2026 Seaford Fire Department Keith P. Kern Member of the Year Award

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrew Matalone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2026 Seaford Fire Department Keith P. Kern Member of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, The Seaford Fire Department Keith P. Kern Member of the Year Award is presented annually in memory of Lieutenant Keith P. Kern to recognize a member who exemplifies the highest standards of dedication, leadership, service, and commitment to the department and community; and

WHEREAS, This award honors an individual in the Seaford Fire Department who not only demonstrates the qualities necessary to serve as an outstanding firefighter or fire medic, but also embodies the character of a dependable teammate, trusted friend, and selfless contributor to the good of the department and its members; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Matalone joined the department at just 18 years old and has already made a profound and lasting impact through his dedication, work ethic, and unwavering commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Matalone has consistently responded to alarms and trainings with enthusiasm, determination, and a strong desire to learn and improve himself, while proving to be coachable, trustworthy, and dependable; and

WHEREAS, Willingly stepping forward as a leader among his peers, Andrew Matalone continually volunteers his time to support department events, fundraisers, standbys, and other activities that strengthen the department and its mission; and

WHEREAS, The Seaford Fire Department has had the privilege of watching Andrew Matalone rise through the Juniors Program into active membership, inspiring others to become involved while carrying himself with humility, professionalism, and a positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Matalone has consistently demonstrated a commitment to placing the residents and families of his community first, while serving with pride, integrity, and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Andrew Matalone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the 2026 Seaford Fire Department Keith P. Kern Member of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Matalone with sincere appreciation for his outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to his department and community.