

Senate Resolution No. 2261

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**HONORING** Vincent Melillo upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Glen Cove Engine & Hose Fire Company No. 4

**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 Vincent Melillo, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Glen Cove Fire Company No. 4, to be recognized at its Annual Inspection Dinner at the Glen Cove Fire House, on Saturday, September 12, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** For 50 years of exemplary service to Glen Cove Fire Company No. 4, his fellow firefighters, and the community of the City of Glen Cove, Vincent Melillo has earned this honor; and

**WHEREAS,** Vincent Melillo served as Head of Fire Police, 1st and 2nd Lieutenant of Company, and Captain of Company 4 in 1984; he also served as Head of the Kitchen Committee and the Explorers Program during his 50 years in the department; and

**WHEREAS,** Vincent Melillo has received citations for responding to the Avianca Plane Crash (1990) and Town of Oyster Bay Nor'Easter (1992) as well as a department citation for his response to the Glen Cove Avenue Fire (1993); and

**WHEREAS,** Vincent Melillo has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; he has been a role model to members throughout his entire career since joining Glen Cove Fire Company No. 4; 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; Vincent Melillo 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 Vincent Melillo upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Glen Cove Fire Company No. 4; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vincent Melillo.