Senate Resolution No. 406

BY: Senator RHOADS

HONORING 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Rosenthal upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his prompt actions while at the scene of a medical emergency

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of exemplary citizens who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Rosenthal upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his prompt actions while at the scene of a medical emergency on Monday, November 25, 2024, at the East Meadow Fire Department Station No. 3; and

WHEREAS, On November 25, 2024, Engine Company No. 3 had just finished its company meeting and its members began seating themselves for a shared dinner; moments after everyone had begun eating, a firefighter at the station began to show signs of distress and inability to breathe; and

WHEREAS, The firefighter in distress had used the universal sign for choking-two hands around his throat, causing 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Rosenthal, a Registered Nurse, to quickly jump into action to assist with the victim's choking; and

WHEREAS, Upon assessing the situation, 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Rosenthal immediately began to administer lifesaving measures such as the Heimlich maneuver on the firefighter in need, ultimately clearing the lodged food item that was blocking the firefighter's airway; and

WHEREAS, After several tense minutes, the firefighter established normal breathing and his vitals reached normal limits, allowing him to continue with the dinner and not need further medical treatment or assistance; and

WHEREAS, This act was witnessed by the members of East Meadow Fire Department Engine Company No. 3; the officers of Engine Company No. 3 and the Chief's Office believe that due to 3rd Assistant Chief Rosenthal's quick and decisive actions, a critical event was prevented from occurring, which could have resulted in the firefighter's serious injury or even death; and

WHEREAS, A credit to his experience as a former Emergency Medical Critical Care Technician and as a current Registered Nurse, 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Rosenthal's ability to remain calm in an emergency, his extensive training, and valuable skillset directly led to

the swift application of lifesaving actions, truly saving the life of another individual; and

WHEREAS, 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Rosenthal, through his spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others need help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Rosenthal upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his prompt actions while at the scene of a medical emergency on November 25, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Rosenthal.