

Senate Resolution No. 532

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING outgoing Chief John Purcell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 16 years of dedicated service to the Great Neck Alert Fire Company

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 outgoing Chief John Purcell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 16 years of dedicated service to the Great Neck Alert Fire Company to be celebrated at its Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at The Inn at New Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, John Purcell joined the department in April of 2009, and has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; he served as Chief of the department from December 2021 through December 2024; 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; John Purcell is such a firefighter; throughout his 16 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 outgoing Chief John Purcell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 16 years of dedicated service to the Great Neck Alert Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Chief John Purcell.