

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**HONORING** outgoing Chief Matthew Kerin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington 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 outgoing Chief Matthew Kerin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Fire Department, to be celebrated at the department's Biannual Installation & Inspection Dinner on Saturday, May 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew Kerin joined the Port Washington Fire Department in June of 2000, and has since been a valued member of Flower Hill Hose Company No.1; and

**WHEREAS,** With a special dedication to service, Matthew Kerin rose through the ranks of the Port Washington Fire Department, serving as: Captain (2013-2015); 2nd Assistant Chief (2019-2021); 1st Assistant Chief (2021-2023); and Chief of Department (2023-2025); and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew Kerin has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; 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; Matthew Kerin is such a firefighter; throughout 25 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 Matthew Kerin upon the occasion of his designation

for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Chief Matthew Kerin.