

BY: Senator MARTINS

MOURNING the death of Joseph E. Taylor Jr., distinguished citizen, noble firefighter, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. of Williston Park, New York, died on March 5, 2025, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Born in Queens, New York, on December 27, 1942, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. lived a fulfilling life and was known as a mentor, confidant, and best friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. was a loving husband to his wife Mary for 50 years, and together they shared the joy of raising their children Kathleen, Maureen (Ron), and Joseph III (Julia); he was a cherished grandfather to Kristin (Jay), Michael, Nicole, Adriana, Megan, Colleen, and Joseph IV, and great-grandfather of Jack and Madison; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, As an active member of his community, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. enjoyed a 30 year career with the New York Telephone Company, where he diligently worked his way up to Special Agent in the Security Department before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Taylor Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Filled with a strong sense of duty and a desire to assist those in need, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. served the Williston Park Fire Department with distinction as a member of Hose and Salvage Company 3 for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. served the Williston Park Fire Department in many different capacities, including as 2nd Lieutenant of Company No. 2, Captain of Company No. 2, Vice President of Company No. 2, Warden of Company No. 2, 2nd Assistant Chief, 1st Assistant Chief, Chief of Department, Vice Chairman of the 8th Battalion, Chairman of the 8th Battalion, and Treasurer of Company No. 2; 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; Joseph E. Taylor Jr. was such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. touched many lives through his community work, and his generosity, integrity, and kindness marked him as a truly special man in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Joseph E. Taylor Jr. leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Joseph E. Taylor Jr., distinguished citizen, noble firefighter, and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joseph E. Taylor Jr.