Senate Resolution No. 859

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Firefighter John Popeleski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 John Popeleski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 to be celebrated at the 139th Annual Installation Dinner Dance on Friday, May 9, 2025, at the Royalton at Roslyn Country Club in Roslyn Heights, New York; and

WHEREAS, John Popeleski has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in fire service; and

WHEREAS, John Popeleski began his service to the community in July of 2000 when he was elected to the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, and over the past 25 years, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to the Company and the greater Port Washington community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his impressive two decades of commitment, John Popeleski has held numerous officer positions within the Company including: Captain of the Company in 2010 and 2011, and president from 2015 to 2019 and again from 2021 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Leading with integrity and a deep commitment to his fellow members, John Popeleski has been a key contributor to many company and department committees; and

WHEREAS, Continuing his dedication to the community, John Popeleski serves the community as the Mayor of the Village of Manorhaven, New York, further exemplifying his passion for public service and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected heroes 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 Popeleski is such a firefighter; throughout 25 years of devoted service, this firefighter 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 Firefighter John Popeleski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Popeleski.