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Senate Resolution No. 743

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Firefighter Thomas Rooney upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park 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 commend Firefighter Thomas Rooney upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of dedicated service as a member of Company No. 1 with the Williston Park Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Inspection Dinner on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Milleridge Inn in Jericho, New York; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Rooney joined the Williston Park Fire Department on September 3, 2002; throughout his 20 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including: 2nd LT Company No. 1

(4/2007-12/2007), 1st LT Company No. 1 (12/2007-12/2009), and Captain Company No. 1 (12/2009-12/2013); 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; Thomas Rooney is one such firefighter; throughout 20 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 commend Firefighter Thomas Rooney upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of dedicated service to the Williston Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Thomas Rooney.