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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Firefighter Alexander Hagan upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to the New York City Fire Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Firefighter Alexander Hagan upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to the New York City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant 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, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their job with the utmost concern and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 27, 1949, Alexander Hagan grew up in Bayside, Queens; he displayed extraordinary scholastic achievement and entered Queens College at the age of 16 while paying for his education with his salary earned as a union steamfitter for Local 638; and

WHEREAS, After spending some time honorably serving in the United States Army Reserves, Alexander Hagan was appointed to the New York City

Fire Department (FDNY) on September 29, 1973, and was assigned to Engine Company 36; a week after his appointment, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ann; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Hagan began his illustrious 41 year career as a union leader through his election as a Company Delegate for IAFF Local 94, Uniformed Firefighters Association, as a probationary firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Promoted to Lieutenant on March 31, 1983 and assigned to Ladder 44 Alexander Hagan immediately began his service to the New York City Fire Officers when he was elected as a union Delegate for Battalion 17 in UFOA Local 854, a position he held for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, After leading in Ladder 44 and Battalion 17 for more than seven years, Alexander Hagan was promoted to Captain on September 22, 1990; he earned the respect of his new superiors and was entrusted with leading another prominent company as the Company Commander of Ladder 43; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, Alexander Hagan's leadership was immediately recognized and he was elected as a UFOA Local 854 Delegate in Battalion 10; in addition, he has been cited and awarded medals six times throughout his career for his unwavering bravery in the performance of his duties, including an FDNY Class Three Medal; and

WHEREAS, In doing his share to rebuild the FDNY, Alexander Hagan taught Leadership, Captains Development, First Line Supervisor's Training, Incident Command School, Community Emergency Response Team, Terrorism, and Probationary Firefighter School; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Hagan ran for election as a Captain's Representative and took office on the Executive Board of Trustees of UFOA in

September of 2008; one year later, he was elected President with the unanimous vote of his fellow Board Members; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has served as the Chairman of numerous

Committees for Local 854 some of which include, Special Projects, Publications, Municipal Labor Committee/Uniformed Coalition, Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, EMS-CFR-D, and the FDNY/NYPD Superior Officer's Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Whether it was in the creation of a Retiree Meeting, or inspiring and mobilizing the political might of the 7,500 active and retired fire officers to engage in political action, Alexander Hagan has consistently exceeded expectations with zeal, energy and passion; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary Ann, their three children and five grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Firefighter Alexander Hagan upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to the New York City Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Alexander Hagan.