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Senate Resolution No. 929

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Paul Cusato upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Engine Company No. 1, of the Mineola 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 Paul Cusato upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Engine Company No. 1, of the Mineola Fire Department to be celebrated on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Cherry Valley Club in Garden City, New York; 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, A dedicated and valued member of Engine Company No. 1, Paul Cusato has served in numerous positions including Vice President and President from 1971-1975, Executive Secretary from 1990-2004 and he was Chairman of many committees; and

WHEREAS, For his service to the town of Mineola, New York, Paul Cusato has been the recipient of multiple awards and accolades, such as the Nassau County Firematic Award in both 2006 and 2012; he was named Engine Company No. 1's 1988 Fireman of the Year, the Mineola Fire Department's 1989 Fireman of the Year, and the Town of Hempstead's 2002 Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as a firefighter, Paul Cusato has been an active member of his community; 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; Paul Cusato is 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Paul Cusato upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Engine Company No. 1, of the Mineola Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Cusato.