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Senate Resolution No. 1367

BY: Senator MURPHY

HONORING Roger Thompson upon the occasion of his  
designation for special recognition after 70 years  
of dedicated service to the Yorktown Heights Engine  
Company

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, Roger Thompson will be honored by the Yorktown Heights  
Engine Company for 70 years of dedicated service during its Installation  
Dinner to be held at Sinapi's Ceola Manor on Friday, April 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Roger Thompson has been a resident of Yorktown Heights  
since 1935; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 18, Roger Thompson joined the Air National  
Guard and served in White Plains from 1948 until he was activated for

duty at the start of the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Roger Thompson served his country with honor in the United States Air Force from 1950 until 1952, and was stationed in Newfoundland tracking Russian submarines in the North Atlantic; he achieved the esteemed rank of Airman First Class; and

WHEREAS Since 1947, Roger Thompson has been a dedicated member of the Yorktown Heights Engine Company and is its longest-standing member; and

WHEREAS Roger Thompson has been a member of the American Legion since 1953, and also dedicates his time to the Yorktown Lions Club; and

WHEREAS Roger Thompson was married to his loving wife, the late Carol Thompson; together they had two children, George and Janice; today, Roger is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Roger Thompson is a tremendous asset to the Yorktown Heights Engine Company and has inspired others through his tireless dedication and longevity of service; 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; Roger Thompson is such a firefighter; throughout 70 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

honor Roger Thompson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 70 years of dedicated service to the Yorktown Heights Engine Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roger Thompson.