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Senate Resolution No. 1780

BY: Senator BROOKS

HONORING ex-Captain Martin Abrams, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Merrick Hook and Ladder Company No. 1

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 honor ex-Captain Martin Abrams, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Merrick Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 to be celebrated at a dinner in his honor on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Coral House in Baldwin, New York; and

WHEREAS, Martin Abrams, Sr. joined the Merrick Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of the Merrick Fire Department on May 2, 1967; throughout his 50 years of service, he held several positions within the Department

including: Chief Engineer in 1971 and Captain of the Fire Police for numerous years; 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; ex-Captain Martin Abrams, Sr. 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 honor ex-Captain Martin Abrams, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Merrick Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Captain Martin Abrams, Sr.