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Senate Resolution No. 3603

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING ex-Chief William Watts upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Floral 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 honor ex-Chief William Watts upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, William Watts joined the Reliance Company of the Floral Park Fire Department in December of 1977; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure with the Department,

William Watts served in numerous capacities including as 2nd Lieutenant and 1st Lieutenant of the Reliance Company, as well as 4th Assistant Chief, 3rd Assistant Chief, 2nd Assistant Chief, 1st Assistant Chief, and Chief of the Floral Park Fire Department; 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; William Watts is such a firefighter; throughout four decades 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-Chief William Watts upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Chief William Watts.