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Senate Resolution No. 4854

BY: Senator LAVALLE

COMMENDING ex-Chief Charlie Beckwith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Shelter Island Fire Department

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend ex-Chief Charlie Beckwith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Shelter Island Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Installation of Officers Dinner on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at the Pridwin Hotel, Shelter Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Charlie Beckwith served his country as a member of the United States Army; he is retired from the Department of Public Works as a Suffolk County Civil Servant; and

WHEREAS, A lifetime resident of Shelter Island, ex-Chief Charlie Beckwith married his high school sweetheart, Ann, and together they are the proud parents of two children, Stanley and Michelle; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; 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-Chief Charlie Beckwith 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 ex-Chief Charlie Beckwith for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

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