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Senate Resolution No. 5062

BY: Senator LAVALLE

HONORING ex-Chief William Sheridan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 75 years of dedicated service to the Yaphank 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 Sheridan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 75 years of dedicated service to the Yaphank Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 92nd Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at Giorgio's, Baiting Hollow, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Sheridan graduated from Bellport High school in 1942, before valiantly serving his country as a Mechanic in the United States Air Force for three years; and

WHEREAS, In 1943, William Sheridan joined the Yaphank Fire Department at the age of 16, and made his way up the ranks to serve as Chief of Department and Fire Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, William Sheridan spent his illustrious career as a Carpenter, spending most of his time with Local 1222; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man is currently 90 years old and continues to make fire calls and chief council meetings; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 68 years, Joan, and their five children, James, Richard, Michael, William and Robin, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 Sheridan is such a firefighter; throughout 75 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-Chief William Sheridan upon the occasion of his designation for

special recognition after 75 years of dedicated service to the Yaphank Fire Department; and be it further

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