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Senate Resolution No. 5064

BY: Senator LAVALLE

HONORING ex-Chief Ed Walsh upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the James "Moose" Bledsoe Award by 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 Ed Walsh upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the James "Moose" Bledsoe Award by 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, The James "Moose" Bledsoe Award is presented to a member who is always there when needed, going above and beyond for the Yaphank Fire Department; Ed Walsh is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Ed Walsh can always be counted on to give Chiefs and members advice, and has been instrumental in leading the Department in the right direction; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, during the past two funerals, this extraordinary man went beyond the call of duty, leaving his family vacations to come home and use his personal fire truck to help honor these fallen members; 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; Ed Walsh is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 Ed Walsh upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the James "Moose" Bledsoe Award by the Yaphank Fire Department; and be it further

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