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Senate Resolution No. 5118

BY: Senator LAVALLE

COMMENDING Firefighter Ted Martz upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Manorville 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 Firefighter Ted Martz upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Manorville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Ted Martz joined the Manorville Fire Department in June of 1968; he has held numerous positions, including: 1st Assistant Chief and 2nd Assistant Chief in the 1970s; Chief from 1977-1978 and again from 1981-1983; and Fire District Commissioner, 1991-2000; as well as Chairman of the Fund Drive Committee for almost 20 years; 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; Ted Martz 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 Firefighter Ted Martz for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Ted Martz.