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Senate Resolution No. 284

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Honorary Chief Francis Valerio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department on February 25, 2023

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 commend outgoing Honorary Chief Francis Valerio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Inspection Dinner on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Russo's On The Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Francis Valerio joined the New Hyde Park Fire Department on November 27, 1973; throughout his 50 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including: Captain, 1st Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant of Enterprise Engine Co. No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; they 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; Honorary Chief Francis Valerio is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, he 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 Honorary Chief Francis Valerio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department on February 25, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Honorary Chief Francis Valerio.