

## 2023-J784

Senate Resolution No. 784

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Firefighter Joseph Raio upon the occasion  
of his designation for special recognition after 40  
years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre  
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 Firefighter  
Joseph Raio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition  
after 40 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire  
Department to be celebrated at the Installation Dinner to be held at the  
Inn in New Hyde Park, New York, on Saturday, April 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Raio joined the Floral Park Centre Fire Department  
four decades ago; in addition, he has been an active member of the  
department and served on the Executive Board of commissioners for the  
past 15 years; 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; Joseph Raio is one such firefighter; throughout 40 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 Firefighter Joseph Raio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Joseph Raio.