

## **2023-J797**

Senate Resolution No. 797

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING ex-Chief Brian S. Waterson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Port Washington 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 Brian S. Waterson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Bi-Annual Installation and Inspection Dinner on Saturday, June 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Brian S. Waterson has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Port Washington Fire Department since 1996, Brian S. Waterson has served in several capacities, including Assistant Engineer, Engineer, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, 2nd Assistant Chief, 1st Assistant Chief, and Chief of Department; he was also a member of the Roadrunners Drill Team from 1996 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Brian S. Waterson has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the AH&L Firefighter of the Year Award, NYS Assembly Outstanding Award, AH&L Extraction Award and the Nassau County Silver Medal of Valor; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, a true hero, Brian S. Waterson valiantly responded to the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in 2001; 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; Brian S. Waterson 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 Brian S. Waterson upon the occasion of his designation

for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Jericho Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Chief Brian S. Waterson.