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Senate Resolution No. 1970

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING Firefighter John D. Alexander upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Protection Fire Engine Co. No. 1

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, 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 proud to commend Firefighter John D. Alexander upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Protection Fire Engine Co. No. 1, to be celebrated at the Company's 132nd Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Joining the Protection Fire Engine Co. No. 1 in December of 1974, John D. Alexander currently serves as company sergeant at arms and has performed his responsibilities diligently for the past five decades; and

WHEREAS, Valiantly serving our Nation, John D. Alexander was honorably discharged from the United States Army after being stationed in the 101st airborne division in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his son, Donald J. Alexander, ex-Captain and trustee, his daughter-in-law Christina, an ex-Captain with Fire medics in PWFD, his three grandchildren, John, Daniel, Christian, who have served as members, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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; John D. Alexander 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 John D. Alexander upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Protection Fire Engine Co. No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter John D. Alexander.