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Senate Resolution No. 402

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Firefighter Michael Bennison upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Holland Patent Hose Company

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 justly proud to honor Firefighter Michael Bennison upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Holland Patent Hose Company, to be recognized at the department's annual banquet at the Harts Hill Inn in Whitesboro, New York on Saturday, February 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the Holland Patent Hose Company, Michael Bennison served as Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, 3rd Assistant Chief, and held a position on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, 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, This revered individual and honoree, Firefighter Michael Bennison, also served as Village Trustee, Deputy Mayor, and Mayor, and currently serves as a Councilman for the Town of Trenton, New York- a testament to his ongoing passion for selflessly serving his community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure of admirable service, Firefighter Michael Bennison has continually demonstrated a high knowledge and understanding of leadership, training, and educational roles with the department and his crews; 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; Michael Bennison is one such 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 honor Firefighter Michael Bennison upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Holland Patent Hose Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Michael Bennison.