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Senate Resolution No. 327

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Ex-Chief Edward Canfield upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Company, Inc.

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, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ex-Chief Edward Canfield upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Company, Inc. to be celebrated at Floral Terrace, Floral Park, New York, on Saturday, January 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Edward Canfield served as Chief of the Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Company, Inc. from 1982-1984; and

WHEREAS, This brave firefighter was awarded the Medal of Valor in 1971, and then again in 1987 for helping to rescue a person; he was also

named Firefighter of the Year in both 1979 and 1987; 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; Edward Canfield 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 Ex-Chief Edward Canfield for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Chief Edward Canfield.