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Senate Resolution No. 703

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING outgoing Chief Brian S. Waterson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Fire Department, Inc. on April 8, 2017

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 outgoing Chief Brian S. Waterson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Fire Department, Inc. to be celebrated at its Bi-Annual Installation and Inspection Dinner on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Brian S. Waterson joined the Port Washington Fire

Department on June 6, 1996; a natural born leader, he quickly rose through the ranks holding numerous positions including Assistant Engineer, Engineer, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, 2nd Assistant Chief, and 1st Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2015, Brian S. Waterson was elected to the esteemed title of Chief of the Department, a title he will hold until his term ends in March of 2017; in addition to his leadership roles, he was a vital member of the Road Runners Drill Team from 1996-2006; and

WHEREAS, For his dedicated and enthusiastic service to the Port Washington Fire Department, Brian S. Waterson has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2007 New York State Assembly Outstanding Service Award, the 2006 AH & L Extrication Award, and the Nassau County Silver Medal of Valor, as well as many FMCO Awards; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Brian S. Waterson has been named one of the Top 10 Responders every year since he joined the Department; and

WHEREAS, Brian S. Waterson's spirit of service to his fellow citizens was truly demonstrated during the World Trade Center tragedy; he was one of the firefighters who courageously responded to ground zero to help the victims of this horrific act of terrorism; 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 more than 20 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 outgoing Chief Brian S. Waterson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington Fire Department, Inc.; and be it further

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