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Senate Resolution No. 5061

BY: Senator LAVALLE

HONORING Firefighter Alan Kazel upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Yaphank 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 Firefighter Alan Kazel upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Yaphank Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 92nd Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at Giorgio's, Baiting Hollow, New York; and

WHEREAS, The son of ex-Chief and Commissioner Sonny Kazel, Alan Kazel graduated from Longwood High School in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Alan Kazel spent his distinguished 30-year career with the Town of Brookhaven as a heavy equipment operator at the landfill; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 18 years, Stacy, and two children, Kelly and Alan, who have all shown him love and

support and rejoice in his many achievements; 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; Alan Kazel 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 Firefighter Alan Kazel upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Yaphank Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Alan Kazel.