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Senate Resolution No. 1581

BY: Senator KAPLAN

COMMENDING Chief Brian Santosus upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Mineola 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 commend Chief Brian Santosus upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department to be celebrated at its Installation Dinner on Saturday, June 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Brian Santosus became a member of the Mineola Junior Fire Department at the age of 14; after completing his four years of service with the Junior Department, he joined as a firefighter at the age of 18;

and

WHEREAS, After two years of service within the fire department, Brian Santosus went on to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps, from 1995 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Brian Santosus was elected to the position of Captain of Engine Company 1 in 1999 and served in that capacity until 2001; in 2003, he was named Company 1 Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Brian Santosus was elected to the position of Warden, representing Engine Company 1, and served in that position until 2013, when he was elected to the position of 2nd Assistant Chief of the Mineola Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Brian Santosus was elected to the esteemed position of Chief of the Mineola Fire Department, serving until 2019; with his election to Chief he and his father, Louis Santosus, who served as ex-Chief, Warden, and is a 50 year member, became the first father and son duo to be elected Chief of Department in the Mineola Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving the Mineola Community as a volunteer firefighter, today, Chief Brian Santosus is a 17-year veteran firefighter with the FDNY, and he holds the respected position of Lieutenant at Ladder 142 in Queens, New York; 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; Chief Brian Santosus is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 commend Chief Brian Santosus upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Mineola Fire Department; and be it further

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