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Senate Resolution No. 2372

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Firefighter Lewis Bell upon the occasion  
of his designation for special recognition after 50  
years of dedicated service to the Burke Volunteer  
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  
Lewis Bell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition  
after 50 years of dedicated service to the Burke Volunteer Fire  
Department; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Bell, affectionately known as "Arnie," joined the  
Burke Volunteer Fire Department on September 8, 1970, and was an  
esteemed member of the Board of Directors for over 30 years, from  
1989-2020; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer 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; Lewis Bell is one such 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 honor Firefighter Lewis Bell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Burke Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Lewis Bell.