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Senate Resolution No. 2472

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

HONORING Fire Commissioner Thomas Underhill upon  
the occasion of his designation for special  
recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to  
the Glen Cove 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 Fire  
Commissioner Thomas Underhill upon the occasion of his designation for  
special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Glen Cove  
Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Department  
Inspection Dinner on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Fire  
Headquarters, Glen Cove, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fire Commissioner Thomas Underhill has consistently  
demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and  
professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer

service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Thomas Underhill served as Captain of Chemical Engine Company No.1, and President of the North Shore Fire Council; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he is presently serving as Director of Southern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association as well as Fire Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters such as Thomas Underhill 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; Thomas Underhill 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 Fire Commissioner Thomas Underhill upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Commissioner Thomas Underhill.

