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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc.

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc. and to honor its past and present firefighting members for a century of fire protection to the citizens of Strykersville, New York and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc. was established on June 11, 1913, and incorporated on April 14, 1917; and

WHEREAS, In the early days of the Strykersville Fire Company the local church bells rang when a fire in the community erupted; and

WHEREAS, The Strykersville Fire Company's first fire was at the home of Charles Hyman and the first fire truck (Engine 10) was purchased on February 9, 1917; and

WHEREAS, Several years later, in 1921, the Main Street Fire Station was built on land purchased from Frank Brass; a new fire station was built on Minkel Road in 1968, and is still used to this day; and

WHEREAS, The Rescue Squad was formed and an ambulance was purchased in 1956; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Strykersville Station 2 was built in Curriers and would house two trucks; and

WHEREAS, In the following years, the ambulance was upgraded to an Intermediate level ambulance from a basic EMT level unit, an addition was built at station number 1, and updated equipment was purchased; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc. operates 3 Engines, 1 Tanker, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Ambulance, and 1 off Road Rescue Unit; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc. have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc. in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 100 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc. are prepared to risk their lives every day to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc. reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past century; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should give special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer fire departments of this great Empire State, their officers and auxiliaries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Strykersville Volunteer Fire Company Inc.