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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Sheridan Fire Department upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor volunteer fire companies and their members who have exhibited great dedication, courage and selflessness in protecting their neighbors from the ravages of fire and other disasters in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of the "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great State's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, The Sheridan Fire Department was formed to serve the Sheridan, New York community in 1910; the first station was converted from a blacksmith shop into a working fire fighting facility; and

WHEREAS, In the early days of the Sheridan Fire Department, the fire fighting apparatus consisted of a vehicle similar to a Model T car equipped with soda acid equipment, which was used to create pressure to spray water from the apparatus to the fire itself; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Governed by Fire Commissioners, the Sheridan Fire Department currently boasts approximately 50 active members; the Department is certified for Advanced Life Support; and

WHEREAS, Covering a 75-square-mile area, mostly rural with a growing industrial park, the Sheridan Fire Department responds to emergencies in Sheridan, New York, and the neighboring communities in Chautauqua County; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient gratitude cannot be expressed 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 intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those volunteer fire companies that have achieved notable success

in protecting lives and property over the course of their long histories in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Sheridan Fire Department upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sheridan Fire Department.