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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Patchogue Van Guard Hose Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 120th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary organizations within the State of New York that serve our citizens and achieve significant milestones; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Patchogue Van Guard Hose Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 120th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Van Guard Hose Company is part of the Patchogue Fire Department, serving the residents of Patchogue Village in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, The destruction of Captain G.G. Horton's barn at the lower half of South Ocean Avenue during the summer of 1890 was the incentive for the organization of a firefighting unit in that section of the village; and

WHEREAS, At the Fire Director's meeting on August 18, 1890, Chief Edwin Bailey reported a request had been made for a hose cart in the south section of the village; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bailey was then directed to purchase a two-wheeled cart and 500 feet of hose, and locate them as he deemed best; and

WHEREAS, Appreciating the action of the directors, 14 residents of the southern part of Patchogue met at the residence of Mrs. Alfred C. Mott and organized the Van Guard Hose Company; and

WHEREAS, The first regular meeting of the Van Guard Hose Company was held on January 13, 1891; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the members of the Patchogue Fire Department's Van Guard Hose Company have dutifully and bravely served the residents of south Patchogue Village over the course of the past 120 years; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such enduring courage and accomplishment are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those

individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore,  
be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
commend the Patchogue Van Guard Hose Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 120th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Patchogue Fire Department.