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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Delmar Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Delmar Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Delmar, New York; 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 the Delmar Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Delmar Fire Department, of Delmar, New York, which was observed with a Centennial Celebration in May of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Delmar Fire Company No. 1 started out in 1911, with a single, horse-drawn hose cart and in the absence of an electric siren or radio communications, firefighters were summoned by a fire gong, and nearby churches used their bells to sound the alarm; and

WHEREAS, In 1934, Delmar Fire Company No. 1 was reorganized into the Delmar Fire Department, which also helped establish the exact boundaries between the Delmar and Slingerlands fire districts; that same year a Mack Fire Engine was purchased; it has remained in service for nearly three decades and is still used today as a parade vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Through the years the department has grown and consists of two stations, an ambulance arm, several engines with hydraulic ladders and deck guns; staffed by 80 volunteer firefighters, just 10 more than

the original group, the Delmar Fire Department responds to hundreds of calls each year; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Delmar Fire Department 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 Delmar Fire Department 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 Delmar Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 years; 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 Delmar Fire Department; and be it further

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