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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Engine Company 159, FDNY on Staten Island to be celebrated on June 1, 2012

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Engine Company 159, FDNY on Staten Island on June 1, 2012, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for a century of fire protection to the citizens of Staten Island, New York, and its surrounding communities; 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 Engine Company 159 have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Engine Company 159 was organized as part of the New York City Fire Department in 1912; and

WHEREAS, Captain M.J. Cummings and eight firefighters took possession of the quarters of the former Cromwell Hose Company, a volunteer unit that was housed on Richmond Road since 1906; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Engine Company 159 covered more area than any other company on Staten Island; today, its response area is all of Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its traditional response area as an engine company, Engine Company 159, with Satellite 5, responds to every "All Hands" in the borough, making it one of the top engine companies responding the all hands citywide; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of Engine Company 159 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 Engine Company 159 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, Engine Company 159 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 Engine Company 159, FDNY on Staten Island to be celebrated on June 1, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Engine Company 159, FDNY on Staten Island.