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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1

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 Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1 have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community they so proudly serve; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1, and to honor its past and present firefighting members, for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Walker Valley, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1 was first organized on August 11, 1915; its centennial will be celebrated on July 18, 2015, with a parade celebration and presentation of trophies at the Walker Valley firehouse; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1 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, Incorporated in 1919 as a membership corporation, this venerable institution began its service fighting fires with bucket brigades and a hand pulled chemical engine; and

WHEREAS, In 1924, the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1 purchased its first motorized apparatus, a new Model T Ford with an Ajax body; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1

possesses the latest in state of the art technology and sophisticated expertise; its training facilities offering live burn capabilities are used by fire companies and police agencies from across the region; and WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past century; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of more than 50 dedicated firefighters, the record of the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1 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, 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, as well as 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 Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company No. 1.