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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the South Country Ambulance Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations within the State of New York which provide vital emergency medical rescue services; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the South Country Ambulance Corps upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation of Officers Dinner, on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at East Wind Caterers, Wading River, New York; and

WHEREAS, The South Country Ambulance Company is a New York State Advanced Life Support certified volunteer ambulance company which is credentialed at the Paramedic level; and

WHEREAS, Since July of 1940, the South Country Ambulance Company has responded to medical emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week; in its first year of service, the members of the unit responded to 64 alarms; and

WHEREAS, Today, the South Country Ambulance Company has grown to include 126 members and 17 emergency vehicles; to date, the Company responds to 2,600 calls per year; and

WHEREAS, The South Country Ambulance Company provides service to several communities, including Bellport Village, North Bellport, East Patchogue, Brookhaven, South Haven, and South Yaphank; and

WHEREAS, The South Country Ambulance Company also offers mutual aid to Patchogue, Medford, Yaphank, Shirley, Mastic, and Mastic Beach, and is responsible for all 911 medical calls in the South Country Ambulance District; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the South Country Ambulance Company's Marine Bureau provides services to both Patchogue and Bellport Bay, and conducts patrols of the National Wildlife Refuge and Fire Island National Sea Shore; and

WHEREAS, The Search and Rescue Squad watches over 1,500 acres of county parks and federal wilderness areas located within the district; they also offer bike teams to many large scale, local, and countrywide events; and

WHEREAS, On the tragic morning of September 11, 2001, the South Country Ambulance Company dispatched mutual aid to New York Presbyterian EMS, and were deployed to Ground Zero, where they remained on duty for three days; and

WHEREAS, Active in the community, the South Country Ambulance Company has received both the New York State and Suffolk County Service Award for the past six years; and

WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; throughout the 75-year history of the South Country Ambulance Company, the members have worked tirelessly to bring the best quality of care to the residents of Brookhaven, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The South Country Ambulance Company has proudly provided Emergency Medical Services to the community for 75 years; from the days of simple First Aid in the back of an ambulance to the most modern sophistication of today's Advanced Life Support, this extraordinary organization responds to calls for EMS assistance whenever needed; and

WHEREAS, All members of the South Country Ambulance Company, past and present, merit the highest commendation for their contributions to the noble missions of this life-saving organization; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a

long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the South Country Ambulance Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the South Country Ambulance Company.