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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Canandaigua Emergency Squad 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 Canandaigua Emergency Squad upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary to be celebrated at the Anniversary Press Conference on Thursday, May 15, 2015, in Canandaigua, New York; and

WHEREAS, Canandaigua Emergency Squad (CES) is the primary emergency medical and ambulance provider responding to traumatic medical crises in its community for the last 75 years; this vital organization provides timely and quality medical services to all people in the towns of Canandaigua, Hopewell, Gorham, and Bloomfield, as well as the Village of East Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, Today, CES is the busiest volunteer 911 service in Ontario County; this vital organization responds to more than 4,000 calls each year, and is comprised of more than 65 volunteers and 14 full-time emergency medical technicians and paramedics, as well as per-diem paramedics; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, the Mutual Hook & Ladder Emergency Squad was founded, and twenty years later, it became a nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, the Mutual Hook & Ladder Emergency Squad purchased the North Pearl Street location from the City of Canandaigua; in 1984, the company officially changed its name to Canandaigua Emergency Squad; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, CES received the first Mercedes Modular Ambulance in

the country, increasing staff and patient safety while decreasing initial purchase and continuing maintenance costs by approximately 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, Two years later, CES was the first organization in New York State to partner with the Center for Patient Safety (CPS) to increase Emergency Medical Service (EMS) learning, improve patient care, cost savings and efficiencies in the field to mitigate risk; and

WHEREAS, On March 31, 2015, CES and East Bloomfield Ambulance Service merged, creating the East Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance Division of CES and expanding its primary operating territory; and

WHEREAS, Currently, CES is led by a dynamic and steadfast leadership team, including Chief, Ken Beers; Board Chairperson, Chris O'Donnell; Senior Vice President, Rocco Pietropaolo; Secretary, Steve LaCrosse; as well as Board Members, Kevin Bragg, Joseph Luna, Kevin Henderson, Michael Riccio, Dan Speers, Karl Nelson, Kathryn Herrick, and Doug Finch; 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 CES, the members have worked tirelessly to bring the best quality of care to the residents of Canandaigua, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, CES 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 CES, 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 organizations which 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 Canandaigua Emergency Squad upon the occasion of celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Ken Beers, Canandaigua Emergency Squad.