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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 150 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. 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 150th Anniversary of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and to honor its past and present firefighting members, for 150 years of fire protection to the citizens of Walton, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was officially organized in 1865; its sesquicentennial will be celebrated on July 11, 2015, with all day festivities, which will include a firematics competition, open house, parade and a fireworks display at dusk; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. 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, 150 years ago, with hand operated pumps, firefighters battled blazes, including the fire at the Walton Novelty Works in February of 1905; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. possesses the latest in state of the art technology and sophisticated expertise; and

WHEREAS, In addition to celebrating their 150 years as a department,

the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is also celebrating 25 years in their current fire station; the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. moved into its new facility on West Street in 1990; and WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 150 years; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of more than 80 dedicated volunteer firefighters, the record of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 150 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 150th Anniversary of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; and be it further

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