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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department on July 16-19, 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for a century of fire protection to the citizens of Sylvan Beach, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department will mark this auspicious occasion with a celebration held during Pirates Weekend on July 16-19, 2015, in Sylvan Beach, New York; this event will feature a parade by members of the department, a fire station open house, and a special firefighting exhibit; the department will officially reach the 100 year mark on August 14, 2015; 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 the Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, whenever the alarm has sounded, these noble volunteers have left their homes and gone to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department has 63 active members, three of whom with over 50 years of service, who provide invaluable assistance to the community in the areas of fire suppression, medical services, and water-related rescue; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire

Department 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; they have also traveled to other areas for disaster relief during such emergencies as Hurricane Sandy, and the 2013 Oneida flood; 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 the Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated on July 16-19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Chief Rick Johnson, Sylvan Beach Volunteer Fire Department.