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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3, New Hyde Park Fire Department

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 75 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3, New Hyde Park 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, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3, New Hyde Park Fire Department, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 75 years of fire protection to the citizens of New Hyde Park, New York, and its surrounding communities; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at Westbury Manor in Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1940s, real estate development surged in the Lakeville Estates community in North New Hyde Park; a group of concerned new homeowners felt that the community needed a fire company which was closer to the neighborhood and, subsequently, they appealed to the New Hyde Park Fire District to allow them to form a new fire company; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1941, the Estates Hose Company was officially chartered, just as the United States was entering World War II; and

WHEREAS, The first firehouse building, a small wood-frame garage which was heated with a coal stove, was donated to the new Company and was trucked to the site; Chaplain Leon Korrell reminisced that charter members would chip-in to purchase a bag of coal to heat the firehouse during meetings and drills; and

WHEREAS, By 1943, the building was moved to the gas station located

next door and the current building was constructed; the Estates men responded to their initial calls with a 1926 Federal hose wagon, a hand-me-down from the Protection Engine Company; and

WHEREAS, The first new engine purchased for the Company was a 1946 Mack, followed by a 1955 Mack Model B, a 1969 Young Crusader, a 1983 Mack CF and a 1996 3-D; and

WHEREAS, The 1969 Young Crusader was the first engine to be painted white, an Estates tradition which has been upheld ever since; currently, a state-of-the art, white, 2010 Crimson pumper, is assigned to the Company; and

WHEREAS, Leon Korrell was the longest surviving active charter member of the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3, serving with distinction for 63 years; he is fondly remembered for his kindly demeanor and for his many years of service as Department Chaplain and, in 1991, he was appointed as an honorary Chief in celebration of 50 years of service; and

WHEREAS, The oldest known surviving charter member of the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3 is Edward Graham who served from 1941 until approximately 1950; on the occasion of his 100th birthday, members of the Company traveled to Florida, to participate in his birthday celebration and ceremoniously appointed him an honorary Captain of the Company; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3 charter members include Frank Cloke, Eugene Vorhies, Patrick McCaffery, Thomas Reifenheiser, Herman Becker, Robert Brown, William Furry, James Finnegan, Edward Fosdick, Charles Hanson, Theodore Herschfeld, Hubert Mason, Asa Masson, Fred Mastendino, Francis McCarthy, Howard Naughton, William Nunke, George Reich, Wilfred Sauve and George Wile; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3 in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year,

for 75 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3 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, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 75 years; 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 75th Anniversary of the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3, New Hyde Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Estates Engine Fire Company No. 3, New Hyde Park Fire Department.