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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Great River Fire Department of Great River, New York

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

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the 100th Annual Installation of Chiefs and Officers Dinner at The Snapper Inn in Oakdale, New York; 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 Great River 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 Great River Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 100 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The Great River Fire Department was established in 1916 on River Road in Great River, New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Great River Fire Department is the protection of lives and property of the citizens of Great River from the adverse effects of fire, emergencies and hazardous situations on land or water; and

WHEREAS, Chief William Vogel, Jr., and the Great River Fire Department Firefighters serve with dedication, courage, innovation, responsiveness, courtesy, caring and professionalism while performing their duties of

fire and emergency response, education and prevention; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving and supporting their own district, the Great River Fire Department has a mutual aid agreement with other Fire and Rescue Departments; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Great River 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; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Great River Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 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 100th Anniversary of the Great River Fire Department to be celebrated on Saturday, February 27, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief William Vogel, Jr., Great River Fire Department.