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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 120th Anniversary of the Rosendale Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the Rosendale Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 120 years of fire protection to the citizens of Rosendale and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The Rosendale Fire Department, an all-volunteer department serving the Town of Rosendale in Ulster County, New York, protects approximately 3,200 residents over a 5.6 square mile territory; and

WHEREAS, As one of the most active departments serving the town, the Rosendale Fire Department provides fire suppression, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials, and BLS and ALS emergency medical response services; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 120 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Rosendale 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 Rosendale Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 120 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 Rosendale 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 Rosendale Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 120 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 120th Anniversary of the Rosendale Fire Department; and be it further

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