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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Bloomington Fire Department on June 5, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Bloomington Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 75 years of fire protection to the citizens of Bloomington, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Bloomington Fire Department, to be celebrated at an event on Sunday, June 5, 2016, at its Fire House in Bloomington, New York; and

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 Bloomington 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, Incorporated in 1941, the Bloomington Fire Department is a volunteer organization which proudly protects the residents and properties in parts of the Towns of Rosendale and Ulster located in Ulster County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The area protected by the Bloomington Fire Department is bordered by the following fire departments: The City of Kingston Fire Department to the North, St. Remy and Rifton Fire Departments to the East, Rosendale Fire Department to the South and Cottekill, Marbletown, and Hurley as well as Spring Lake Fire Departments to the West; and

WHEREAS, The Bloomington Fire Department maintains two stations in the district; the main station is located at 14 Taylor Street, Bloomington, and currently, houses one engine, one pumper tanker, one heavy rescue/pumper, one light rescue, one tower truck, one foam trailer, one

rescue boat and one five person transport vehicle; their second station is located on Sawdust Avenue in Binnewater, New York, and has one engine, one mini pumper and two rescue boats; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Bloomington Fire Department 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, Under the luminous leadership of Chief, Fred Harries, the brave firefighters of the Bloomington 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 Bloomington Fire Department 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 Bloomington Fire Department on June 5, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fred Harries, Chief, Bloomington Fire Department.