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Senate Resolution No. 166

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of Deerfield
Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the Anniversary of Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., and to honor its past and present firefighting members, for 75 years of fire protection for the citizens of the Town of Deerfield, New York, and its surrounding communities, to be celebrated on Sunday, November 3, 2024, in Deerfield, New York; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Fire companies 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 Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company was organized on May 17, 1949, at a meeting attended by Deerfield's citizens who were

interested in organizing a fire company; that September, incorporation documents were officially completed and filed with the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, On August 2, 1949, the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company purchased its first pump, and the Company responded to its first call on February 2, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., currently operates out of two firehouses, the Roberts Road Fire Station, which was built in 1953, and the Trenton Road Fire Station which was built in 1954; the Company responds with three engine companies, two rescue companies, and a tanker; throughout 1975 and 1976, the building was expanded to its present facility, consisting of a four-bay station facing Firehouse Road; and

WHEREAS, Today, Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., boasts more than 70 active members and more than 30 associate members, responding to fires, medical emergencies, rescues, and other service calls when citizens of the Town of Deerfield and its surrounding communities need assistance; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the decades since its inception, the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company has honored its vision to become the finest fire department possible by utilizing and developing its members to their fullest potential, maximizing their use of the resources available to them, and being responsive to the growth and changing needs of their community; and

WHEREAS, Important values of the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company have been upheld for 75 years; the firefighters give human life top

priority and regard service to their fellow citizens as their reason for existence; they believe that integrity, accountability, cooperation, and education are their means to attaining excellence, providing service, and reaching goals; and

WHEREAS, With its impressive force of caring firefighters, the record of the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company in public service and fire protection is one to be applauded; for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for 75 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble men and women provided aid to their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 75 years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those 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 publicly acknowledge the heroic good works performed by the 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 Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the members of Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.