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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Minoa Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Minoa Fire Department and to honor all of its past and present members for providing the citizens of the Minoa District with 100 years of excellent fire protection; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer fire departments are an integral part of community protection in localities across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, For the past 100 years, the courageous and dedicated fire-fighters of the Minoa Fire Department have valiantly volunteered their time to respond to various fire emergencies, while earning the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, The Minoa Fire Department was formed three months after the Village of Minoa was incorporated on January 12, 1913; Minoa's first fire station was named "S.E.Terwilliger" after the village's first mayor; the first alarm system was a large iron gong; and

WHEREAS, In 1925, a Model A Ford truck with chemical tanks was added to the department; one year later, two garages were built, two new Buffalo pumpers were purchased and a utility truck with modern first aid equipment was added; this equipment served the department's needs until 1953, when they were replaced by more modern technology; and

WHEREAS, The Minoa Fire Department has been a volunteer department since 1913; it presently operates out of two stations with four engines and a dedicated staff of 45 active and 50 life member volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The Minoa Fire Department provides protection for five schools located in the East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District and responds to emergencies involving Minoa Lakes and part of the Erie Canal; it also provides the grateful residents living within the

district with many emergency and non-emergency services, including fire suppression, fire prevention, hazardous material management, vehicle and other rescue, water rescue, residential lock-outs, emergency vehicle lock-outs, commercial fire inspections and basic life support emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, Each day, the brave volunteer members of the Minoa Fire Department prepare to risk their lives in order to selflessly protect the life and property of all those living within their community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those trained and devoted individuals who serve and protect their communities through volunteer fire departments across this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Minoa Fire Department to be celebrated with an official ceremony on April 27, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Chief of the Minoa Fire Department, Fire Chief Matthew McGarrity, and President Dennis Erard.