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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Town of Rodman Fire Department

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the distinguished histories of the community organizations which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Town of Rodman Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, This most auspicious occasion will be commemorated in a celebration at the Town of Rodman Fire Department on March 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In 1952 a group of seventy taxpayers in the town of Rodman met to discuss forming a fire department and fire district and to raise funds to purchase fire equipment; and

WHEREAS, In 1953 temporary fire chief Herman Cole called a meeting to draw up bylaws and to present the charter members of the fire department to the Rodman Town Board, including Holly Whitford, Howard Stedman, Gerald Rider, David Moore, Melville Curtis, Albert Baderman, Merrill Blanchard, Lambert Seargent, Eugene Williams and Robert Merrill; and

WHEREAS, The Rodman Fire Department Auxiliary was formed in 1954 with 21 charter members; and

WHEREAS, Coles General Store was purchased in 1966 for \$8,000 for use as the Fire Hall, receiving major upgrades in 2004 including the purchase of additional space for a fire truck bay and parking lot, and construction of a new kitchen and office space; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2008 a fire began in a rescue truck parked outside the Hall, but a quick response by fire department members Bob Williams, Chuck Nuffer, and David Sischo, as well as safety measures added during the 2004 upgrade saved the Rodman fire hall from serious

damage; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Rodman Fire Department has rendered dedicated and conscientious service to town residents for 60 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Town of Rodman Fire Department, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the Rodman community; and be it further

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