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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department, to be celebrated on April 13, 2013

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department and to honor its past and present members for 75 years of support of the Lindenhurst Fire Department, and the citizens of Lindenhurst, New York, and its surrounding Suffolk County communities; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the ladies auxiliary of a volunteer fire company has been organized to assist and encourage the fire company in its good work; it is the aim of the ladies auxiliary to cultivate a spirit of harmony, to promote sociability and to sustain the esteem and admiration of the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department has, for 75 years, carried out these important functions in an exemplary manner, providing an invaluable service to the fire department and community; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department was established April 13, 1937, the second Tuesday of the month and to this day the members continue to meet on that same Tuesday; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of 57, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department is made up of mothers, wives and daughters of the volunteer firefighters; currently, there are 13 members with over 50 years of service, 34 life members, and 18 past presidents, of which 13 of them remain; the four charter members, all of which have died, were still active until their passing; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department belongs to a number of state and local area auxiliaries, with many of

its members holding elected offices; one member won the prestigious Lady of the Year Award through LAFASNY; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department's marching unit has won numerous awards at local parades and throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Over the years the auxiliary has helped the firefighters in many ways from supporting everything they do to keeping them nourished and hydrated while fighting major fires or the storms of recent years; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department also helps neighboring communities when called upon to assist their auxiliaries at major fires, some being the Wildfires in 1997, and the fires at Edgewood in 2006, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department has assisted families in need through local churches at holiday times, or the donation of food to the food banks; this past year, the members assisted the families of Super Storm Sandy by jointly running a food and clothing drive which was very successful; and

WHEREAS, At times, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department have handed a coat to a victim of a fire to keep them warm as they watch their home go up in flames; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers of the Lindenhurst Fire Department truly appreciate the members of its Ladies Auxiliary, knowing when they are physically exhausted and emotionally drained, whether chilled to the bone or withering from the heat, they will be able to look up and see an auxiliary member standing there with a candy bar, sandwich or a cup of soup, and a warm smiling face; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to volunteer selflessly, supporting and assisting the firefighters in the provision of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, For 75 years, whether at a family dinner or a holiday celebration, when the fire alarm has sounded, these selfless volunteers have left their homes and jobs to help the firefighters in pursuit of their duty; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department is prepared daily to carry out its accepted responsibilities, not only serving but also enhancing the quality of life in their community and advancing the perception of Lindenhurst as a caring and united community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and warmly congratulate the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lindenhurst Fire Department and its past and present members upon the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, to be celebrated at Firemen's Memorial Park, Saturday, April 13, 2013; and be it further

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