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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Westbury Fire Department Hose Company Number 1

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Westbury Fire Department Hose Company Number 1 and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Westbury and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Hose Company Number 1 began on August 12, 1913, when a special meeting of the local Town firemen was held to adopt a Constitution and Bylaws of the newly formed Westbury Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, At the meeting, a motion was made and seconded that the former Hose Committee, together with the racing team, form a Hose Company and all others be known as the Hook and Ladder Company; and

WHEREAS, A committee to organize the Hose Company was appointed and Hose Company No. 1 was established on September 4, 1913, with an initial membership of 19 members; today, the roster of Hose Company No. 1 totals 50 members; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Westbury Fire Department Hose Company Number 1 have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Westbury Fire Department Hose Company Number 1 in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 100 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Westbury Fire Department Hose Company Number 1 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 Westbury Fire Department Hose Company Number 1 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 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 100th Anniversary of the Westbury Fire Department Hose Company Number 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Westbury Fire Department Hose Company Number 1.