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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Plandome Fire Department, celebrated on October 5, 2013

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 Plandome Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community they so proudly serve; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Plandome Fire Department, and to honor its past and present firefighting members, for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Plandome, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The Plandome Fire Department was founded on December 13, 1913; the centennial of this venerable institution was celebrated on October 5, 2013, with a parade featuring antique fire engines, as well as contemporary fire trucks and emergency vehicles, and a post-parade Oktoberfest party; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of 108 dedicated firefighters, the record of the Plandome Fire Department 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 Plandome Fire Department 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 Plandome Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Originally known as the Plandome Hose and Chemical Company, the first firefighters consisted of volunteers of the Village of Plandome arranged into six squads, each of sufficient number to move and operate the firefighting equipment, and each with a Captain to head up each squad; a Fire Chief was appointed to lead the assembled squads; and

WHEREAS, The original apparatus of the Plandome Fire Department consisted of hand-drawn equipment amounted to a single hose reel and a chemical engine, which was essentially a forty gallon soda-acid fire extinguisher; the fire alarm was the split ring iron gong that still stands today, suspended between two locust posts on the north side of the building; 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, as well as 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 Plandome Fire Department; and be it further

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