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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Ontario Hose Company No. 5

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Ontario Hose Company No. 5 and to honor its past and present firefighting members for their years of fire protection to the citizens of Middletown, New York and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 125 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of Ontario Hose Company No. 5 have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, The Ontario Hose Company No. 5 was founded in 1889, when a group of community minded local men held a meeting at the North End Soap Factory to draw up a petition to form a fire company for the growing North Middletown community; and

WHEREAS, On October 1, 1889, the city of Middletown accepted the Ontario Hose Company No. 5 as a fire company; the first apparatus acquired by the Ontario Hose Company No. 5 was a jumper from the McQuoid Engine Company No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Ontario Hose Company No. 5 has utilized a number of different fire engines; including an American LaFrance pumper, a Maxim pumper, a Mack/Pierce pumper and in 2006, a KME pumper which is their present in-service apparatus; and

WHEREAS, A number of this esteemed organization's members have served in such important roles in the Middletown Fire Department as Chief Engineer and Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of Ontario Hose Company No. 5 in public service and fire protection is one

to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 125 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; 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 125th Anniversary of Ontario Hose Company No. 5; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ontario Hose Company No. 5.