

## 2013-K1008

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Cobleskill Fire Department to be celebrated on June 14, 2014

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Cobleskill Fire Department to be celebrated on Saturday, June 14, 2014, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 150 years of fire protection to the citizens of Cobleskill, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Cobleskill Fire Department will celebrate this milestone beginning with a parade consisting of other departments, school bands, community groups, and the entire community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, After the parade, the department will begin with the opening ceremonies at the fairgrounds, followed by many activities such as games for kids, a car show, flea market, vendors, firematics, and a fire equipment show, ending with a spectacular display of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, Both a book and film detailing the Cobleskill Fire Department's illustrious history will be written and produced by Brian Head, and available to the public in June of 2014; currently, a showing of the film is in progress to be held at the Park Theater; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our state; during the past 150 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Cobleskill Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of President Bill Johnson, the record of the Cobleskill Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 150 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 Cobleskill 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, Cobleskill Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 150 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 150th Anniversary of the Cobleskill Fire Department to be celebrated on June 14, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bill Johnson, president, Cobleskill Fire Department.