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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated on May 10, 2014

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated on Saturday, May 10, 2014, to honor its past and present firefighting members for a century of bravery and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community support services in every locality of our State; during the past 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Chaumont Volunteer 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, The Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department was incorporated in 1914, when brave and dedicated men from the Chaumont area came together to form a fire company for the protection and service of the people of their community, and thanks to the initiative and courage of its members, has endured ever since; and

WHEREAS, Over the last century, the scope of services offered by the department has evolved to include the courageous duties of fire rescue and fire suppression, fire police investigations, emergency medical services and motor vehicle extrication; it responds to over 240 calls a year with its current 35 volunteer members; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed fire company is proud of the various tools and equipment in its firehouse; it holds many fundraisers each year in order to afford updated equipment to keep its volunteers safe; and

WHEREAS, The Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department is known for giving back to the community, teaming up with the community to help local children and adults suffering illnesses, and recently raised a significant amount to help an 18-month-old who was suffering from cancer; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Chaumont Volunteer 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, 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 100th Anniversary of the Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

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