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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Adams Center Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Adams Center Volunteer Fire Department, and 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 Adams Center 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 Adams Center Volunteer Fire Department was first incorporated in November 1914, as the Adams Center Protective Association, when brave and dedicated men from the Adams Center 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, Those early members of the Adams Center Volunteer Fire Department held fundraisers to purchase firefighting equipment, and the first fire engine arrived in August of 1915, followed soon after by two more engines; and

WHEREAS, Those first fire engines were housed in local barns until the department was able to purchase a fire station to house their equipment; and

WHEREAS, In 1910, the Adams Center Volunteer Fire Department consisted of ten volunteers, and at one time in the 1960's numbered close to 50 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of

the Adams Center 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 the 100th Anniversary of the Adams Center Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

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