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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps on May 3, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations within the State of New York which provide vital emergency medical rescue services; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps; this momentous occasion was celebrated with a Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the Harness Racing Museum, Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since June 19, 1974, the Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps has responded to medical emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, A small dedicated group, the Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps (GOVAC) provide the best and most professional emergency medical care to the citizens and visitors of Goshen and Hamptonburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, GOVAC received its first call, a motor-vehicle accident, on June 28, 1974; in its four decades of service, they have traveled over 150,000 miles and answered more than 15,000 calls; and

WHEREAS, In addition, GOVAC formed the first volunteer EMS Bike Team in Orange County, and has been named Orange County BLS Agency of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; throughout the 40-year history of the Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps, its members have worked tirelessly to bring the best quality of care to the residents of Goshen, New York and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, GOVAC crew members are made up of students, teachers, health

care workers, truck drivers, business owners, office workers and fire-fighters, who all come together to answer the call that a neighbor is in need; and

WHEREAS, All the individuals associated with the Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps, past and present, merit the highest commendation for their contributions to the noble missions of this life-saving organization; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community they so ably serve, GOVAC has sponsored the Goshen Community Blood Drive for more than 30 years; its Fall blood drive has, collected hundreds of pints of blood during a peak blood shortage time; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in conjunction with the Village of Goshen Police, GOVAC has started Prescription Collection Days, during which time its members collect outdated and unused drugs/medication to be properly disposed of by the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as ambulance corps volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps.