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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 185th Anniversary of the Fishkill Fire Department on April 22, 2014

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 185th Anniversary of the Fishkill Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 185 years of fire protection to the citizens of Fishkill, 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 185 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Fishkill 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, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Fishkill Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 185 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The story of the Fishkill Fire Department officially began on March 30, 1829 when the Assembly of the State of New York unanimously passed legislation authorizing the incorporation of a fire company in Fishkill; the legislation went on to unanimously pass the New York State Senate and on April 22, 1829, Governor E. T. Throop signed the legislation into law and made this date the Department's official birthday; and

WHEREAS, Today, fire and rescue service to the Village of Fishkill is provided by a staff of roughly 40 volunteer firefighters, operating out of one Central Station with four pieces of fire apparatus and two Command Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, In addition to traditional firefighting activities, the

department has Emergency Medical Technicians, Certified First Responders and personnel trained and proficient in other specialized tasks including rescue, rapid intervention, hazardous material mitigation, collapse rescue, disaster management, and incident command; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Fire Department F.A.S.T. team is often called in by neighboring Fire Departments for coverage during working structure fires and other major incidents; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Fishkill 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, the Fishkill Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 185 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 185th Anniversary of the Fishkill Fire Department on April 22, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fishkill Fire Department, Fishkill, New York.