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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the past and present members of New Hackensack Fire District and Fire Company for 65 years of fire protection to the citizens of New Hackensack and its surrounding communities

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of New Hackensack Fire Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 65 years of fire protection to the citizens of New Hackensack in the Town of Wappinger, 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 65 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of New Hackensack Fire Company have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, On June 6, 1949, a group of 34 people, mainly comprised of local farmers, assembled in the Mount Hope Grange Hall on Myers Corners Road; it was the first meeting of New Hackensack Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, The impetus behind New Hackensack Fire Company was that before its creation more than 20 square miles in the Town of Wappinger had no fire protection; and

WHEREAS, In the early years, the firemen rolled out with 1,350 gallons of water in a converted oil tanker sanded down and painted red; after the water ran dry, the volunteers scrambled to find the nearest bubbling creek; now, the firefighters zoom off to any blaze with 7,000 gallons of water and the backup of interspersed hydrants; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of New Hackensack Fire Company in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year for 65 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 New Hackensack Fire Company 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, 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 65th Anniversary of New Hackensack Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New Hackensack Fire District and Fire Company.