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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Maybrook Engine Company No. 1

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Maybrook Engine Company No. 1, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Maybrook, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Formed on July 14, 1914, Maybrook Chemical Engine Company No. 1 elected Dr. J.I. Cotter as its first Chief and James F. Shields as its first President; later that year, a chemical engine was purchased and Maybrook's first firehouse was erected on a site on Wallace Avenue about one-half block down from the present firehouse; and

WHEREAS, Many area residents donated items to help in the construction of the firehouse, along with the Central New England Railroad, which donated a large iron wheel to be used as the first fire alarm; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, a combination firehouse and municipal building was constructed at 204 Wallace Avenue which completely housed Maybrook Engine Company No. 1; and

WHEREAS, The Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary was formed in 1953 and it has aided the company tremendously; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 built a new two-bay truck room adjacent to the existing firehouse which was funded completely by the fire department; and

WHEREAS, Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 became a District on January 1, 1987, and its first Board of Commissioners was comprised of Allen Abrahams, Donald Kunze, John Jardine, Charles Conroy and Joseph Legere; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, the firehouse had extensive alterations done and a new four-bay truck room was built; and

WHEREAS, The members of Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 adopted the

first Service Award Program in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 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 Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 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, The brave firefighters of Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 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, Maybrook Engine Company No. 1 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 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 100th Anniversary of Maybrook Engine Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Maybrook Engine Company No. 1.