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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Hose Company No. 4 of the Riverhead Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Hose Company No. 4 of the Riverhead Fire Department, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Riverhead, 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 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of Eagle Hose Company No. 4 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 Eagle Hose Company No. 4 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 Eagle Hose Company was established in 1915, when 12 men from the Polish town area of Riverhead petitioned the Board of Fire Commissioners for the right to form a hose company, to be known as Eagle Hose Company No. 8; the original members were all of Polish descent, and conducted their meetings in Polish; today, there are 11 current/former chiefs from Eagle Hose Co. No. 4; and

WHEREAS, In 1917, the Eagle Hose Company No. 8 was moved to a new location in order to store all of their equipment; seven years later, it was relocated to the current location on Hamilton Avenue, and in 1928, it was renamed Eagle Hose Company No. 4; later, the building was modernized and was named Fire Station No. 1; and

WHEREAS, The Company's first piece of fire apparatus was a two-wheel hose cart and several years later, a four-wheel hose cart was purchased; in 1923, the company purchased their first truck, and in 1946, they bought their first pumper; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Eagle Hose Company No. 4 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 Eagle Hose Company No. 4 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Known as the "Flying Eagles", the men of the Eagle Hose Company No. 4 were known for their abilities during firefighting tournaments, participating in many races between 1923 and 1935, when the Riverhead "Ironman" Racing Team was formed; 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 Eagle Hose Company No. 4 of the Riverhead Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Eagle Hose Company No. 4 of the Riverhead Fire Department.