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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated on November 8, 2014

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Sherrill, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated with an Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at Vernon Downs Hotel and Casino, Vernon, New York; 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 the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer 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, The Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department was founded on November 18, 1914, as the Oneida Community Ltd. Fire Department, originally serving the Oneida Ltd. Silverware-making facility and offices; and

WHEREAS, With the incorporation of the City of Sherrill two years later, the organization was renamed the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, The first Fire Chief, Herbert Moody, welcomed three hand-pulled chemical carts to the department, its first pieces of rescue equipment; and

WHEREAS, Originally located in a few garage bays on Seneca Street, the

Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department moved to its current location, at 373 Sherrill Road, in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department has 60 members and covers both emergencies in the city and mutual aid calls from neighboring districts, running an average of a call a day; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department is famed as the only all-volunteer fire department serving a city in New York State; and

WHEREAS, With both fire trucks and a rescue service operating from a city-owned building with city-owned equipment, the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department is rated an impressive "four" by the Insurance Services Office; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer 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 Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past century; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department 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, 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 Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated on November 8, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sherrill-Kenwood Volunteer Fire Department.