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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the officers and members of the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Company No. 1 upon the occasion of dedicating their new ambulance in Memory of Firefighter and EMT-CC Joseph J. Reekie, Sr. on May 31, 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pride in acknowledging those esteemed individuals within the State of New York who distinguished themselves in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to join the officers and members of the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Company No. 1 upon the occasion of dedicating their new ambulance in memory of Firefighter and EMT-CC Joseph J. Reekie, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this auspicious occasion, a Dedication Ceremony will be held at Floral Park Fire Department headquarters, Floral Park, New York, on Sunday, May 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter and EMT-CC Joseph J. Reekie, Sr. is being honored posthumously in recognition of his 45 years of devoted service to both the Fire Department and to the residents of the Village of Floral Park; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Joseph

J. Reekie, Sr. was one such firefighter; throughout his 45 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of his duties, Joseph J. Reekie, Sr. demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others; he was a tremendous asset to Rescue Company No. 1 and a distinguished citizen of the State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the officers and members of the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Company No. 1 upon the occasion of dedicating their new ambulance in memory of Firefighter and EMT-CC Joseph J. Reekie, Sr. on May 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Company No. 1, and the family of Joseph J. Reekie, Sr.