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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Wallington Fire Department to be celebrated on August 8, 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Wallington Fire Department, to be celebrated with a parade on Saturday, August 8, 2015, honoring its past and present fire-fighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the 2,000 citizens of Wallington, 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 volunteer firefighters of the Wallington 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, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Wallington 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, The first Chief, Orange Kimpland, and the charter members Harry H. Duncan, Harry L. Olmsted, George D. Brown, W.T. White, H. McCarthy, R.G. Elmhurst, John Blondale, Walter Goodes, S.W. Babcock, C.C. Whiting, R.C. McCarthy, S.G. Duncan, C.E. Garluck, William VanDeLester, F.P. Hausman, A. Vander Luber, David Harris, O.F. Brown, H.S. Duncan, Harry S. Brown, George D. Mason, Raymond Brown, Adrian Hobard, Isaac Kotvis, Perry J. Coon, P.G. Vanderpler, William Vanderzilli, Jesse Obine, Albert Sherman, Luther Cuvelier, J.H. Scidmore, Edson Toor, Guerdon Messinger, Paul Duncan, Harry Blondale, Joseph Doyle, John Doyle, and E.A. Naines established the Wallington Fire Department in 1915; the department was officially incorporated in 1962; and

WHEREAS, The initial fire station had only one bay; in 1959, land was purchased to add two more truck bays and in 1976, the original building was torn down and a larger firehouse was built; and

WHEREAS, During the 1920s, the Wallington Fire Department used a Model T Ford hand pumper and chemical fire engine to put out fires; in 1936, the company purchased their first new 500 gpm pumper; today, the antique vehicle is proudly displayed in local parades; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Wallington Fire Department purchased a number of new pumpers, various rescue vehicles, and a jaws of life; many improvements and additions have also been made to the firehouse; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving their own seven-mile radius district, the Wallington Fire Department has a mutual aid agreement with several towns, including Sodus, Huron, Lyons, Arcadia, Galen, and Williamson; the department also maintains a landing pad for Mercy Flight Central helicopters; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Wallington Fire Department includes 19 officers: Chief Shawn Johnson, 1st Assistant Chief, Mike Crandell, 2nd Assistant Chief, Chris Lagasse, 3rd Assistant Chief, Fred Burkhard, Fire Captain, Tim Morgan, Truck Captain, Bruce Wallace, Fire Police Captain, Sam Snyder, Engine 40 Lieutenant, Tim Sasser, Engine 39 Lieutenant, Kevin Gropp, Co-Rescue 32 Lieutenants, Brad Avery and Bill Duemmel, Tanker 22 Lieutenant, Zack Roder, AT 5/ORR-32 Lieutenant, Chris Thurston, Fire Police Lieutenants, Ray Duemmel and Andy Secore II, Training Officer, Mike Crandell, Safety Officer and Corporate President, Steve Zonneville, and PI Officer, Gary Thomas, and the Antique Parade Truck operator, Dick Young; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Wallington 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 Wallington Fire Department 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 the Wallington Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Shawn Johnson, Wallington Fire Department.