

## 2015-K902

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Bay Shore Fire Department to be celebrated on January 30, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Bay Shore Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 125 years of fire protection to the citizens of Bay Shore and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious milestone will be observed at the Bay Shore Fire Department's Installation Dinner on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Shore Fire Department is under the luminous direction of Chief John Ippolito, Jr., First Assistant Chief Edward D. Kunz, Second Assistant Chief Jerry Rockfield, Assistant Department Treasurer William Carney, Department Secretary Joseph A. McNulty III, and Department Treasurer Frank Fortunato; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Shore Fire Department was formed in 1891 comprised of the following companies: Bay Shore Hose Company, Bay Shore Hook and Ladder Company, Bay Shore Penataquit Hose Company, and the Bay Shore Patrol Company; in 1925, the Bay Shore Engine Company was formed; and

WHEREAS, Another recent milestone for the Bay Shore Fire Department was the Bay Shore Junior Firefighters winning the 2015 New York State Firematic Tournament; this victory for the "Junior Redskins" was their fourth consecutive and their 19th overall Championship; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 125 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Bay Shore 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 Bay Shore Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 125 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 the Bay Shore 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 Bay Shore Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 125 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 125th Anniversary of the Bay Shore Fire Department to be celebrated on January 30, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief John Ippolito, Jr., Bay Shore Fire Department.