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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Rock Hill Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Rock Hill Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 60 years of fire protection to the citizens of the Town of Rock Hill, 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 60 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Rock Hill 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 Rock Hill Fire Department was established in 1956 and proudly serves the surrounding community with an all-volunteer firefighting force that responds to all emergencies in the area including fire, medical and rescues; and

WHEREAS, Due to the increase in natural disasters, flooding and recreational use of the rivers, streams and lakes, the Rock Hill Fire Department commissioners and officers responded by establishing an ice water and swift/surface water rescue team comprised of rescue swimmers, operations level personnel and boat operators; and

WHEREAS, Since Hurricane Irene in 2011, the Rock Hill Fire Department has significantly increased the number of trained personnel on their water rescue team; it provides service and aid for emergencies including swift water rescues, flooding evacuations, and patient immobilization in water and ice rescues, as well as boat operations; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Rock Hill Fire Department has organized many fundraising events to support worthwhile community causes including the Boy Scouts, the Cub Scouts, the Little League, and a scholarship

fund; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Rock Hill Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 60 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 Rock Hill 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, 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 60th Anniversary of the Rock Hill Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rock Hill Fire Department.