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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the East Greenbush Fire Company to be celebrated on January 30, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the East Greenbush Fire Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of East Greenbush, 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 firefighters of the East Greenbush Fire Company 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 East Greenbush Fire Company was established by a group of 17 citizens on January 7, 1916, after a spectacular fire destroyed the landmark Hillcrest Inn; the Company's first meeting was held in the parlor of Duff's Hotel, and its Certificate of Incorporation was received on June 18, 1916; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the East Greenbush Fire Company 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 brave firefighters of the East Greenbush Fire Company 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 East Greenbush Fire Company reflects the

history and development of firefighting over the past century; 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 East Greenbush Fire Company to be celebrated on January 30, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the East Greenbush Fire Company.