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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Beaverkill Valley Fire Department in Lew Beach, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the Beaverkill Valley Fire Department, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 65 years of fire protection to the citizens of Lew Beach, 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 65 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Beaverkill Valley 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 Beaverkill Valley Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 65 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and WHEREAS, The Beaverkill Valley Fire Department was established in 1951, and has operated continuously as an all-volunteer organization, supported by the local community; and WHEREAS, The Beaverkill fire district includes three counties, Sullivan, Ulster and Delaware, and four townships, Rockland, Hardenburgh, Andes and Colchester; in addition, Emergency 911 service is available to the entire district: and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Beaverkill Valley 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 Beaverkill Valley Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 65 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 65th Anniversary of the Beaverkill Fire Department in Lew Beach, New York; and be it further

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