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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company to be celebrated on May 14, 2016

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 90 years of fire protection to the citizens of East Farmingdale and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Company's 90th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at Villa Lombardi's, Holbrook, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 90 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the East Farmingdale 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, Organized as the East End Volunteer Company in 1926, the department was born of necessity when the area known as the East Farmingdale Fire District would no longer be protected under contract by the Fire Department of the incorporated Village of Farmingdale; and

WHEREAS, At its inception, the Fire Company obtained a loan from the First National Bank of Farmingdale to erect its first firehouse on Maplewood Avenue, during which time the equipment consisted of one fire engine known as the Hose Wagon; and

WHEREAS, From the original two bay garage on Maplewood Avenue, the Company expanded to a new headquarters on Conklin Street which can house more than 12 emergency vehicles and has kitchen facilities, a meeting hall, administrative offices and a recreation room; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company now encompasses two substations on Wellwood Avenue and Melville Road which

contain additional emergency vehicles to protect the district; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 90 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Chief Joseph Wisz, the brave firefighters of the East Farmingdale Volunteer 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 Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 90 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 90th Anniversary of the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company to be celebrated on May 14, 2016; and be it further

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