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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kelly M. Murphy upon the occasion of being named the first female Chief of the Tarrytown Volunteer Fire Department on April 8, 2016

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Kelly M. Murphy upon the occasion of being named the first female Chief of the Tarrytown Volunteer Fire Department; she was officially sworn in to this esteemed position at its Annual Meeting on Friday, April 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Village of Tarrytown, New York, Kelly M. Murphy graduated from Sleepy Hollow High School in 1997; she earned her bachelor's degree in Physical Education, and a master's degree in Health Education; today, she continues to take classes to further her knowledge in her profession; and

WHEREAS, Along with her duties as an officer at the fire department, Kelly M. Murphy works for the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) as a Middle School Physical Education/Health Teacher in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-eight-year-old Kelly M. Murphy is proud to hold the distinction of being the first female Chief in Tarrytown Volunteer Fire Department's history; in this capacity, she will lead and supervise 150 fellow firefighters from 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, Chief Kelly M. Murphy is committed to ensuring that the department's equipment needs are met by providing training and encourag-

ing more volunteers to join the department; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2003, Kelly M. Murphy joined the Tarrytown Fire Department; rising through the ranks she has served in numerous leadership positions such as 1st Assistant Chief, 2nd Assistant Chief, Captain for three years, and Lieutenant for three years; in addition, she has been a vital member of the Standard Operating Guideline Committee, and held the position of both Lieutenant and Yeoman on the Department's Marine 5 unit; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the firefighting profession, Kelly M. Murphy has successfully completed many fire training courses and has been a company training officer for several years, supporting her company officers with various exercises and drills; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman also serves as a lifeguard and teaches swimming lessons; in addition, she is a Birthday Party Coordinator for the Family YMCA at Tarrytown and holds the title of Camp Director for the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Day Camp; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection, but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Fire Chief Kelly M. Murphy is such a firefighter; for over 12 years, this volunteer has heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Kelly M. Murphy upon the occasion of being named the first

female Fire Chief of the Tarrytown Volunteer Fire Department on April 8, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Chief Kelly M. Murphy.