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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Hidi Hose Company No. 4 upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor fire departments and their members who have exhibited great dedication, courage and selflessness in protecting their neighbors from fire and other disasters in this great Empire State; and

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 State's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Hidi Hose Company No. 4 upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

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

WHEREAS, In 1916, a group of men, in the true spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, recognized that Hidi and the surrounding area was lacking in protection from fires and other disasters; and

WHEREAS, From 1916 to 1921, their equipment consisted of 1,000 feet of hose on a cart with the necessary hand tools; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Hidi Hose Company No. 4 is housed in the hall that the members built in 1926, and their equipment is in a 2004 American La France Metropolitan, with 1,000 gallons of water and a 1500 GPM pump;

and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of President John Walgus, the members of the Hidi Hose Company No. 4 have raised sufficient funds for a historical marker which will include the words, "Therefore we hereby dedicate this memorial to those fearless and intrepid firefighters of Hidi Hose Company No. 4, who have paved the way for future generations of volunteer firefighters everywhere; Erected in their memory July 2016"; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the members of the Hidi Hose Company No. 4 honors their Godfather, Julius J. Szymanski, as he celebrates 70 dedicated years of membership; this is an historic accomplishment and a true example of leadership and service to the community; 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 carry out the vital mission of volunteer fire departments; and

WHEREAS, Observing that special recognition should be given to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and that they should be acknowledged publicly for their heroic good works as volunteer firefighters in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Hidi Hose Company No. 4 upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Walgus, President, Hidi Hose Company No. 4.