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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Megan Millman upon the occasion of being named the first female Chief of the Mountaindale Fire Department

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 justly proud to commend Megan Millman upon the occasion of being named the first female Chief of the Mountaindale Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Megan Millman enjoyed visiting and assisting her future husband at the Mountaindale Fire Department; encouraged to join, she enrolled in the Basic Firefighting training course that summer; and

WHEREAS, After becoming a member of the Mountaindale Fire Department, Megan Millman faced danger and peril without fear and performed her job with the utmost concern and professionalism; in 2015, she responded to 152 EMT or Fire calls, while caring for three children and managing her household; and

WHEREAS, A well-respected and hardworking firefighter, Megan Millman quickly rose through the ranks, holding numerous leadership roles prior to attaining the position of 1st Assistant Chief; in 2016, she was elected to her present title of Fire Chief, where she leads and supervises her fellow firefighters; and

WHEREAS, After a few years of dedicated service to the Mountaindale Fire Department, Megan Millman decided to become an EMT with the Department's First Aid Squad; throughout the last nine years, she has responded to numerous calls, successfully treating a wide range of

medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The Mountaindale Fire Department was established in 1923; 31 years later, the Mountaindale First Aid Squad was formed, providing a platform for women to serve as a first responder and also qualify for coverage under Sullivan County's workers' compensation benefits; and

WHEREAS, Much has changed since the Department's inception almost a century ago when women were not allowed to join the fire service; through her diligence and steadfast commitment to the Department, Megan Millman is proud to hold the distinction of being the first female Chief in Mountaindale Fire Department's storied history; 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 Megan Millman is such a firefighter; for over a decade, 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 Megan Millman upon the occasion of being named the first female Fire Chief of the Mountaindale Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Megan Millman.