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Senate Resolution No. 1482

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

COMMENDING the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary upon the occasion of celebrating its 95th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer members of the ladies auxiliary exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary upon the occasion of celebrating its 95th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious milestone will be feted at the Amherst Women's Interclub Council's Annual Kentucky Derby Luncheon on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village in Amherst, New York; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the ladies auxiliary of a volunteer fire company has been organized to assist and encourage the fire company in its good work; it is the aim of the ladies auxiliary to cultivate a spirit of harmony, to promote sociability and to sustain the esteem and admiration of the community in which it serves; and

WHEREAS, For 95 years, the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary has carried out these important functions in an exemplary manner, providing an invaluable service to the fire department and community; and

WHEREAS, The first meeting of the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company was held on September 5, 1922; then President, Sam Heim, requested that the Ladies Auxiliary be formed to assist and support the Fire Company; shortly thereafter, the Ladies Auxiliary was created on September 11, 1922; and

WHEREAS, In the early years the Ladies Auxiliary held auctions, card parties, dances and dinners to raise funds for the purchase of firefighting equipment; in the early 1940s, the ladies graciously donated money to the Red Cross to help with the war effort; and

WHEREAS, The Getzville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary has also hosted numerous fashion shows, mystery rides, plays and Halloween parties; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the men and women of the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company look forward to their Annual Summer Picnic where they can taste the Ladies Auxiliary's famous chowder; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Ladies Auxiliary has selflessly

served and supported the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company by providing food and refreshments, as well as emotional support, to its members while on the scene of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company truly appreciate the women of the Company's Ladies Auxiliary, knowing that when they are physically exhausted and emotionally drained, whether chilled to the bone or withering from the heat, they will be able to look up and see an auxiliary member standing there with a candy bar, sandwich or a cup of soup, and a warm smiling face; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to volunteer selflessly, supporting and assisting the firemen in the provision of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, For 95 years, whether at a family dinner or a holiday celebration, when the fire alarm has sounded, these selfless volunteers have left their homes and jobs to help the firefighters in pursuit of their duty; and

WHEREAS, The Getzville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary is prepared daily to carry out its accepted responsibilities, not only serving but also enhancing the quality of life in their community and advancing the perception of Getzville as a caring and united community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary upon the occasion of celebrating its 95th Anniversary; and be it further

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

transmitted to the Getzville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.