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Assembly Resolution No. 706

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COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the
Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department, celebrated with a Parade on Saturday, June 10, 2017, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 125 years of fire protection to the citizens of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 125 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1891, disaster in the form of fire struck the small community of Croton Landing; its only defense against the fire was the bucket brigade, which was overwhelmed and nine buildings were destroyed; and

WHEREAS, On February 12, 1892, members of the community met and formed the Washington Hand Engine Company; the organization was followed later that year by the Independent Fire Company and Columbian Hook and

Ladder Company; these three organizations, independent of each other but united in purpose, provided Croton with its first line of defense against fire; and

WHEREAS, The community became incorporated as the Village of Croton-on-Hudson in 1898, and the new village government began to draw these companies together as a unit; and

WHEREAS, By the end of the 1920s, two more companies were formed and joined the department: the Emergency Relief Squad, now known as Croton Fire Patrol No. 1, and Harmon Engine Company No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Today, with a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 125 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department 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 Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 125 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 125th Anniversary of the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department.