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Senate Resolution No. 4772

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMEMORATING the 80th Anniversary of the Grand Island Fire Company to be celebrated on May 19, 2018

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Grand Island Fire Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for eight decades of fire protection to the citizens of Grand Island, New York, and its surrounding communities; this momentous occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at LaSalle Yacht Club, Niagara Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 80 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Grand Island Fire Company have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1938, the founding fathers of the Grand Island Fire Company carefully laid the groundwork for the solid infrastructure that exists today, which includes an advanced life support paramedic unit that is second to none; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Grand Island Fire Company in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 80 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 Grand Island Fire Company 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 Grand Island Fire Company reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 80 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 80th Anniversary of the Grand Island Fire Company to be celebrated on May 19, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Grand Island Fire Company.