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Assembly Resolution No. 1268

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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the West Corners Fire Department to be celebrated on August 25, 2018

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the West Corners Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of West Corners, 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 century, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the West Corners 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, On December 20, 1918, a meeting was held at the home of Jack Gallagher to establish a fire department in West Corners; the Department was organized with five members using a four wheel vehicle donated by Valley Hose Company; and

WHEREAS, Today, the West Corners Fire Department is comprised of more than 50 active firefighters running out of two stations; eight pieces of apparatus with state-of-the-art technology enables proper fire

protection for the fire district; and

WHEREAS, Engine 98 and mutual aid procedures help ensure that fire crews will always be prepared to respond regardless of the time of day; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the West Corners Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 100 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its President, Brian Keefe, the brave firefighters of the West Corners 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 West Corners Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 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 100th Anniversary of the West Corners Fire Department to be celebrated on August 25, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian Keefe, President, West Corners Fire Department.