

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 150th year of business in 2013

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the economic well-being and interests of the people of this great Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 150th year of business in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Fireman's Fund Insurance Company is a premier property and casualty insurance company providing personal and commercial insurance products nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The Fireman's Fund Insurance Company insures thousands of homes and businesses in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1863 with the social mission to support the fire service arranging to pay 10 per cent of company profits to assist the widows and orphans of fallen firefighters, the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company continued to honor firefighters by establishing its Heritage Program in 2004 to support firefighters by providing grants for vital equipment and training; and

WHEREAS, The Heritage Program of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company has awarded millions of dollars in grants throughout the United States, including \$ 1.8 million in New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1895, the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company established its New York connection with the opening of the Atlantic Marine department; and

WHEREAS, Many of the country's most famous New York and East Coast based icons and events have been insured by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, including Radio City Music Hall, the Statue of Liberty renovation, the Spirit of St. Louis non-stop flight from New York to Paris in 1927, and the 1971 World Heavyweight championship fight between Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali; and

WHEREAS, The Fireman's Fund Insurance Company has been an innovator in providing a wide range of insurance; in 1906, it created the first nationally available automobile insurance for American drivers; it offered the first airplane insurance policy in the United States in 1913, and earned a national reputation for its hurricane coverage; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when business organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company upon the occasion of celebrating its 150th year of business in 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.