

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the New City Fire Engine Company, and celebrating the 101st Annual Convention and Parade of the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the New City Fire Engine Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 125 years of fire protection to the citizens of Clarkstown and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, In addition to celebrating this milestone, the New City Fire Engine Company will be celebrating the 101st Annual Convention and Parade of the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, This year's convention meeting, awards recognition, and reception will be held on Friday, September 6, 2013, at the Rockland County Fire Training Center, Pomona, New York; on Saturday, September 7, 2013, the traditional firemen's inspection parade will wind its way along the streets of New City; and

WHEREAS, The Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association (RCVFA) takes pride in providing outreach programs to the community, including a special fire prevention course for babysitters, fire prevention programs at schools, senior centers and local organizations, safety programs for nursing homes, clothing collection bins throughout the community, distribution of gift cards to fire victims, and two annual scholarships to RCVFA members' children or grandchildren who are beginning college; 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 New City Fire Engine 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, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the New City Fire Engine Company 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 New City Fire Engine 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 New City Fire Engine Company 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 New City Fire Engine Company, and celebrate the 101st Annual Convention and Parade of the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New City Fire Engine Company.