

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the East Islip Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the East Islip Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for more than a century of fire protection to the citizens of East Islip, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The members of the East Islip Fire Department will celebrate this momentous occasion at its Annual Installation of Officers Dinner, on Saturday, February 22, 2014, to be held at Upsky Long Island Hotel, Hauppauge, New York; 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 East Islip 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, The East Islip Fire Department was officially founded on April 4, 1889, when 31 members of the community came together to form Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; two years later, the fire company responded to a fire at the home of S.T. Peters, who was so grateful, he provided the firefighters with their first hose; the company subsequently became known as Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and S.T. Peters Hose Company; and

WHEREAS, The Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and S.T. Peters Hose Company were officially designated as the East Islip Fire Department on January 12, 1892; and

WHEREAS, In 1927, the current home of the firehouse was built out of solid brick on an acre of land, and the old firehouse was moved to Somerset Avenue where it still stands today as an occupied residence; and

WHEREAS, The East Islip Fire Department helped combat the Pine Barrens brush fire in 1995, which consumed roughly 7,000 acres of brush on the east end of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, In addition, when Hurricane Sandy ravaged East Islip and the surrounding areas in 2012, the members of the East Islip Fire Department brought immediate aid to those in need, and worked tirelessly to restore their beautiful community; and

WHEREAS, Today, the 125 members of the East Islip Fire Department are proudly celebrating 125 years of continuous service in one of the most respected Fire Departments in New York State; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the East Islip 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 East Islip 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 East Islip 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 East Islip Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the East Islip Fire Department.