

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMEMORATING the 90th Anniversary of the Stewart Manor Fire Department to be celebrated on May 6, 2017

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Stewart Manor Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 90 years of fire protection to the citizens of Stewart Manor, New York and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, The Stewart Manor Fire Department will celebrate this auspicious milestone at its 90th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the Stewart Manor Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 90 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Stewart Manor 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 Stewart Manor Fire Department held its first meeting on September 28, 1927; Edward Jackson served as the department's first chief, and the first apparatus purchased was a 1926 Brockway pumper; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Stewart Manor Fire Department is part of the 1st Battalion with the Bellerose, Bellerose Terrace, Floral Park, Floral Park Center, Garden City, Garden City Park, New Hyde Park, Mineola and South Floral Park Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, Composed of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians, the Stewart Manor Fire Department serves the Village of Stewart Manor and its surrounding communities, responding to alarms for fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, The Stewart Manor Fire Department headquarters is located at 120 Covert Avenue and houses two fire engines, a rescue truck, an advanced life support ambulance and two chief vehicles; its members train weekly in-house as well as at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy and Nassau County EMS Academy to ensure they are ready to provide the best emergency services to the community; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Stewart Manor Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 90 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 Stewart Manor 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 Stewart Manor Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 90 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 90th Anniversary of the Stewart Manor Fire Department to be celebrated on May 6, 2017; and be it further

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