

BY: Senator ANTONACCI

COMMEMORATING the 70th Anniversary of the Lakeside
Volunteer Fire Department on March 29, 2019

WHEREAS, This legislative body is proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department on Friday, March 29, 2019, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for decades of dedicated volunteer service to the citizens of Geddes, 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 70 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Lakeside Volunteer 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, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied, for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 70 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; they provided fire, rescue, and emergency services to the residents of the towns of Geddes, Van Buren, and Camillus; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1946, conversations began among residents in the Lakeland-Lakeside area to create a volunteer fire department; throughout the next two years several petitions were turned down until the Geddes Town Board approved a petition to create a fire protection district; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1949, the Town of Geddes approved the formation of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire District with boundaries of 300 feet south of Pleasant Beach Road, north of Stiles Road, east to the Camillus Town Line, and extending west to the shores of Onondaga Lake; a location was selected for the first Lakeside Volunteer Fire House on State Fair Boulevard on a parcel of land that was purchased for \$700; the fire station remains at this location; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1949, the Lakeside Volunteer Fire District purchased a GMC Chassis pumper tanker, fully equipped with a 1,000 foot house with a booster line, and water carrying capacity of 300 gallons; nine months later, the fire house was completed and the new truck was delivered; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of its first Fire Chief William E. Yager, Sr., the first fire the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department responded to was a grass fire on Stasko Drive, where rubbish being burned was windswept into a dry field between a couple of homes; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the Lakeside Volunteer 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 Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 70 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 70th Anniversary of the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department on March 29, 2019; and be it further

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