

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Armor
Volunteer Fire Company

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Armor Volunteer Fire Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 75 years of fire protection to the citizens of Hamburg, 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 75 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Armor Volunteer Fire 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, Located on the Eastern side of the Town of Hamburg, New York, the Armor Fire Company prevents and extinguishes fires, protects life and property, assists the duly constituted authorities in times of disaster, and promotes fraternalism among its members; and

WHEREAS, The Armor Volunteer Fire Company, as we know it today, originated with the Men's Club of Armor, a club formed in 1920 for the social and civic betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, A civil defense unit during World War II, the Men's Club of Armor held a meeting on January 6, 1943, during which time its President, John Foley, appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a fire company; and

WHEREAS, Guy Page, a chairman of the committee, approached the Hamburg Town Board seeking a contract; the Board agreed to the contract and a charter establishing the Armor Volunteer Fire Company was incorporated on May 5, 1944; and

WHEREAS, John Foley served as Armor Volunteer Fire Company's first President, and Eugene Schwartz was its first Chief; the first regular meetings were held at the Armor School and the Armor Inn until the acquisition of its current site on Clark Street; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Armor Volunteer Fire Company in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 75 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 Armor Volunteer Fire 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 Armor Volunteer Fire Company reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 75 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 75th Anniversary of the Armor Volunteer Fire Company; and be it further

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