

BY: Senator BROOKS

CONGRATULATING the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) upon the occasion of celebrating its 150th Anniversary

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to congratulate the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) upon the occasion of celebrating its 150th Anniversary, and to honor its past and present work for 150 years of helping to facilitate fire protection to the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this auspicious milestone, several events will be held throughout the year including the Historical Marker Re-Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, May 7, 2022, in Auburn, New York, the home of this respected organization, as well as a Dress Parade on Saturday, August 13, 2022, in Tarrytown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 150 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters FASNY represents have valiantly responded to all types of fire and medical emergencies and have won the praise and admiration of the communities in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, FASNY educates, serves and supports volunteer firefighters in New York State; founded in 1872, this vital organization has grown into one of the largest volunteer firefighting organizations in the country with more than 40,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, FASNY, with its main headquarters in Albany, New York, also maintains the FASNY Firemen's Home, a certified residential healthcare facility in Hudson, New York, and preserves the history and maintains the legacy of fire service in New York State at the Museum of Firefighting in Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, FASNY provides information, education and training for the volunteer fire services throughout New York State; the organization strives to recognize the true champions of these services through numerous awards programs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, FASNY recognizes educators for their work in fire prevention education, and provides legislative representation that monitors and takes action on topics of importance to the services; and

WHEREAS, FASNY hosts Annual Conventions and conferences with

nationally known expert speakers, and offers training at departments across the State that not only fulfill requirements, but keep the professional volunteer firefighter performing at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, Through FASNY's Fire in You campaign and The RecruitNY initiative, more than 20,000 individuals have joined local volunteer departments across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, FASNY keeps its members informed on critical information and promotes friendship through various publications such as The Volunteer Firefighter, a monthly e-newsletter, and works to build a "Healthier, Stronger and Safer Volunteer Fire Service" with its wellness initiative; and

WHEREAS, The success of FASNY relates to the efforts of past presidents, and the current President, John P. Farrell, Jr., as well as fellow leaders, and members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; throughout 150 years of devoted service, these volunteers heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of their duties and volunteer efforts, the FASNY members' ongoing endeavors and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) upon the occasion of celebrating its 150th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John P. Farrell, Jr., President, Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY).