

Senate Resolution No. 551

BY: Senator AKSHAR

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of West Endicott Hose Company No. 1, Inc.

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of West Endicott Hose Company No. 1, Inc. and to honor its past and present firefighting members for a century of fire protection to the citizens of Endicott, 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 100 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of West Endicott Hose Company No. 1 have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, On March 2, 1921, citizens from the community of West Endicott came together to form a Volunteer Fire Company; the fire station was located in a garage on West Wendell Street and was named the H. Wendell Endicott Hose Company with one hand drawn car pumper; and

WHEREAS, That summer, George F. Johnson donated a new two-story building which held a public meeting room, a dance hall, and two bays to store fire equipment; in June of 1927, ground was broken for the fire station-community center on the corner of No. Page Avenue and Jennings Street, the present-day location of the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, On October 24, 1932, the Company was renamed West Endicott Hose Company No. 1, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Today, the members of West Endicott Volunteer Fire Department provide fire protection for West Endicott Fire District No. 1 and Union Fire District No. 2, covering a residential area of approximately 1,000 homes in the West Endicott and Union area outside of the village limits; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Chief Jason Montabone, West Endicott Fire Department prides itself on maintaining ongoing training programs, and offers additional courses at other facilities so its members are knowledgeable on the latest firefighting techniques; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of West Endicott Hose Company No. 1 in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 100 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 West Endicott Hose Company No. 1 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, West Endicott Hose Company No. 1 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 100 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 100th Anniversary of West Endicott Hose Company No. 1, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jason Montabone, Chief, West Endicott Hose Company No. 1, Inc.