

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMEMORATING the 90th Anniversary of the Jericho
Fire Department on April 6, 2024

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Jericho Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 6, 2024, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 90 years of fire protection to the citizens of Jericho, 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 90 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Jericho 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, In 1933, a group of dedicated men recognized the need to protect their community from the perils of fire joined together to create the Jericho Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Today, nine decades later, that same spirit of community service remains among the 85 men and women who unselfishly offer their time and talents to serve the residents and businesses of the Jericho Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Jericho Fire Department has evolved into an all-risks emergency response agency, currently responding to more than 1,200 alarms each year; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Jericho Fire Department provides prompt, professional, fire and emergency response to the hamlet of Jericho and the surrounding area; its team values innovation, education, and ideas which enable them to save lives, reduce property loss, and improve emergency services to meet the changing life safety needs of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its Chief of Department, Christopher M. Foresto, MD, the Jericho Fire Department proudly provides the following services: Fire Prevention and Safety Education, Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services (at the Advanced Life Support level), Hazardous Materials Response, and Technical Rescue; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Jericho 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 Jericho 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;

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WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Jericho 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 Jericho Fire Department; and be it further

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