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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Galway Volunteer Fire Company to be celebrated on Saturday, August 26, 2023

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Galway Volunteer Fire Company and to honor its past and present members for 100 years of fire protection and emergency response to most of the Town of Galway, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fire companies 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 Galway Volunteer Fire Company have valiantly responded to all types of emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters serve without pay, devote hundreds of hours of time away from family, and in many cases; spend their own money on firefighting gear and bear the responsibility for recruitment and retention to maintain organizational stability; and

WHEREAS, Under the current leadership of Company President Bill Schwab, and Chief Russell DeRidder, the Galway Volunteer Fire Company has held up the high standards of ensuring public safety which has been a staple of this company since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Always at the ready, the Galway Volunteer Fire Company handles an average of 285-300 calls annually, responding when called upon in a professional and timely manner; and

WHEREAS, The record of the Galway 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 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 Galway 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 and emergency personnel, the Galway Volunteer Fire Company reflects on their rich history and development of firefighting over the past 100 years at a celebration on Saturday, August 26, 2023; 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, especially in a volunteer capacity; 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 companies 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 the Galway Volunteer Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ranking members of the Galway Volunteer Fire Company.