Senate Resolution No. 1219

BY: Senator ROLISON

COMMEMORATING the 130th Anniversary of the Pawling Fire Department in the Town and Village of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend fire departments within the State of New York that have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to public safety, volunteerism, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Pawling Fire Department on the occasion of its 130th Anniversary, marking over a century of courageous and selfless service to the residents of the Town and Village of Pawling, Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, The Pawling Fire Department was officially established on October 1, 1895, when it was sanctioned by the Village of Pawling, with an original force of 39 volunteer members operating from two stations; and

WHEREAS, In its earliest days, the department protected approximately one square mile of the community using hand-drawn equipment and the strength and bravery of its members; and

WHEREAS, In 1897, community member John Dutcher presented the department with its first set of protective gear, laying the foundation for the department's ongoing commitment to firefighter safety and readiness; and

WHEREAS, As the needs of the growing community expanded, so too did the department; today, the Pawling Fire Department proudly operates out of three stations: Station 1 at 26 South Street in Pawling, Station 2 at 338 State Route 292 in Holmes, and Station 3 at 627 Quaker Hill Road in Pawling; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, the cornerstone of Station 1 was laid, symbolizing the department's advancement in equipment and technology to better protect the Town and Village of Pawling; and

WHEREAS, The Pawling Fire Department celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1995, and now, in 2025, proudly celebrates 130 years of dedicated service, preserving its legacy of community protection, professionalism, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, For over 130 years, the Pawling Fire Department has remained a pillar of strength and safety in the community, responding to emergencies with commitment, courage, and care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and commend the Pawling Fire Department on the occasion of its

130th Anniversary and to express its deepest gratitude for the department's outstanding service to Dutchess County and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Pawling Fire Department in recognition of this historic milestone.