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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the O. L.
Davis Fire Company

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of O. L. Davis Fire Company and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection to the citizens of Endwell, 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 the O. L. Davis Fire Company have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1921, the O. L. Davis Fire Company has a long-standing tradition of service to the community of Endwell, New York, preventing and extinguishing fires, protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, On September 6, 1921, there was a barn fire at the local Davis Farm; the response by Endicott Fire, who normally responded to fires in Endwell, was delayed by a phone problem and subsequently, the barn and all the year's crops were destroyed by the fire; and

WHEREAS, Within a month, Endwell resident Orlando L. Davis donated land as a site for the first fire station; during this time, residents met at the Hooper School to form a fire company with approximately 40 initial members; and

WHEREAS, George Burt served as O.L. Davis Fire Company's first Chief and Guy Bishop was named the first Assistant Chief; the fire company was named after Davis for his generosity, and remains in the same location today; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of O. L. Davis Fire Company 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, the O. L. Davis Fire Company 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 the O. L. Davis Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the O. L. Davis Fire Company.