

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**COMMEMORATING** the 75th Anniversary of Junius Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the Anniversary of Junius Volunteer Fire Department Inc. and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 75 years of fire protection to the citizens of Junius, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS,** This auspicious occasion will be celebrated at an event on Saturday, March 11, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** On the night of March 8, 1948, a group of men were called together for the purpose of creating a Fire Company; the 29 men decided to form an independent fire company as it would be much easier and take less time to establish; and

**WHEREAS,** Five men were appointed to go to the Junius Town Board and get their approval to create the fire company, and the 29 men became the first and charter members; and

**WHEREAS,** On March 15, 1948, the second meeting was called to order with 37 members present and election of officers were held; at that time, the Town Board officially voted in favor of forming a Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS,** A two-bay fire station was built, and a 1328 pumper and an old International tanker were purchased; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, the Junius Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of 50 members who work out of two fire stations with two pumpers, two tankers, and one heavy rescue truck; and

**WHEREAS,** Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 75 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Junius Volunteer 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,** With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Junius Volunteer Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 75 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 Junius 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, the Junius Volunteer Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 75 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 75th Anniversary of Junius Volunteer Fire Department Inc.; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Junius Volunteer Fire Department Inc.