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COMMEMORATING the 150th Anniversary of the
Lancaster Fire Department

WHEREAS, The volunteer firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 150 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of Lancaster have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, The brave volunteer firefighters of the Lancaster 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, The vision of the Lancaster Fire Department is committed to excellence as they honor their past, respect the present, and plan for their future with the dedication of its volunteers and the support of their community; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 150 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Protecting approximately 11,000 residents of the Village of Lancaster, New York, and surrounding mutual aid jurisdictions, the Lancaster Fire Department diligently and consistently provides lifesaving fire, rescue, and emergency services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, The Lancaster Fire Department's district is comprised of a mixture of residential, commercial, and industrial properties, with four active rail lines dissecting the village, along with two major state truck routes; five elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, nine churches, Como Lake Park, and Lancaster Opera House all call Lancaster their home and rely on the dutiful and reliable members of the Lancaster Fire Department to keep them safe in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Lancaster Fire Department's protection area borders Depew Fire Department to the West, Town Line Volunteer Fire Department to the East, Twin District Volunteer Fire Company to the South, and Bowmansville Volunteer Fire Association to the North; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, the Lancaster Fire Department reflects the storied history and impressive developments of firefighting over the

past 150 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 volunteer 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 commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Lancaster Fire Department; and be it further

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