Assembly Resolution No. 1146

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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the West Henrietta Fire Department on February 13, 2026

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Anniversary of the West Henrietta Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 100 years of fire protection for the citizens of West Henrietta, New York; this auspicious occasion will be officially celebrated on Saturday, April 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer 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 the West Henrietta 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, The West Henrietta Fire Department was founded on February 13, 1926, and has served the Henrietta community as a private volunteer fire company; for nearly a century, before consolidation, the Department protected the community independently; in 1969, the Town of Henrietta consolidated three volunteer companies, including West Henrietta, into the Henrietta Fire District; and

WHEREAS, The West Henrietta Fire Department's one hundred years reflect an enduring tradition of neighbor-serving-neighbor volunteerism; the Henrietta Fire District, of which West Henrietta remains a vital part, annually responds to more than 7,200 calls across a 41-square-mile response area with approximately 60 volunteer firefighters serving an estimated 275,000 people each day; and

WHEREAS, With its impressive force of caring firefighters, the record of the West Henrietta Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be applauded; for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for 100 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble men and women selflessly and tirelessly risked their lives to save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire and hazards to life, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those 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 publicly acknowledge the heroic good works performed by the 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 West Henrietta Fire Department; and be it further

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