Assembly Resolution No. 1567

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COMMEMORATING the 65th Annual Floyd Field Days

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 65th Annual Floyd Field Days, a longstanding community tradition and vital fundraiser for the Floyd Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated in the Town of Floyd, Oneida County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Citizens throughout New York State are inspired by and indebted to the courageous volunteer firefighters who selflessly dedicate their time and talents to protecting their neighbors, safeguarding property, and responding to emergencies whenever duty calls; and

WHEREAS, The Floyd Volunteer Fire Department was first convened in 1961 following the establishment of an organizing committee in July of 1960, and has faithfully served the residents of the Town of Floyd and surrounding communities for more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, The department's Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in November of 1961, reflecting the deep community support and volunteer spirit that have been hallmarks of the organization since its earliest days; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Herrman served as the department's first Fire Chief, helping to establish a tradition of leadership and service that continues to guide the organization today; and

WHEREAS, By 1962, the Floyd Volunteer Fire Department had grown to include approximately 100 charter members, and today, it continues its mission with approximately 40 dedicated volunteers who respond to fires, medical emergencies, and a wide range of service calls throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, The original Floyd Fire Department building was constructed by volunteers in 1960, and initially housed a single fire truck; through the years, the facility has been expanded and improved to meet the growing needs of the community, including a major expansion in 1968 to accommodate additional apparatus and equipment; and

WHEREAS, The Floyd Volunteer Fire Department has long served as a center of community life, hosting fundraisers, dinners, weddings, and countless gatherings that bring residents together while supporting the department's mission; and

WHEREAS, What began with two rented tents serving food and refreshments has evolved into the construction of permanent pole barns in 1972, facilities that continue to serve the event to this day; and

WHEREAS, The Floyd Field Days have become one of the largest and most successful community celebrations in the region, raising critical funds to support the operations of the Floyd Volunteer Fire Department

while providing generations of families with an opportunity to gather in fellowship and celebration; and

WHEREAS, The spirit of volunteerism and community pride embodied by the Field Days was perhaps best illustrated in 1977, when department members ceremonially burned the mortgage for their firehouse after successfully paying off the building's $35,000 debt; and

WHEREAS, The annual celebration continues to feature many beloved traditions, including the community parade and fireworks display, bringing together residents and visitors in recognition of the department's service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, The Floyd Field Days stand as a testament to the enduring strength of volunteerism, civic engagement, and neighbor helping neighbor, values which have defined the Town of Floyd for generations; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body recognize the dedicated firefighters, auxiliary members, volunteers, and community supporters whose efforts have sustained this treasured tradition for 65 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 65th Annual Floyd Field Days and recognize the many contributions of the Floyd Volunteer Fire Department to the Town of Floyd and the surrounding region; and be it further

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