Assembly Resolution No. 940

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COMMEMORATING the 55th Anniversary of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of Kent Volunteer Fire Department, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for more than five decades of fire protection to the citizens of Kent, 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 55 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Kent 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, The Kent Volunteer Fire Department, located in the Town of Kent, Putnam County, New York, is celebrating its 55th Anniversary in 2026, marking more than half a century of dedicated service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1971, the Kent Volunteer Fire Department has provided exemplary fire protection, emergency medical response, rescue operations, and community support as a volunteer-based organization; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department have selflessly served their community-responding to fire emergencies, medical crises, automobile accidents, and other life-threatening situations-with unwavering professionalism and bravery; and

WHEREAS, The department's volunteers represent a wide range of backgrounds, including trained firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, business owners, tradespeople, and professionals, all united in a commitment to neighbor-helping-neighbor service; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the Kent 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 55 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 Kent 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 Kent Volunteer Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 55 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, The community of Kent and surrounding towns have greatly benefited from the dedication and courage provided by the department's volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel for the past 55 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 55th Anniversary of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department, and to express sincere appreciation for the department's years of service, commitment to public safety, and indispensable contributions to the wellbeing of the Kent community and surrounding regions; and be it further

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