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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 to be celebrated on February 2, 2013

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2, and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 70 years of fire protection to the citizens of Fleming, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a dinner to be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at Springside Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 is one of two separate fire companies organized to service the Town of Fleming; organized in 1943, the Company moved to the old Grist Mill at the corner of Rt. 34 and Mills Street the following year; and

WHEREAS, In the beginning, the Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 used a homemade fire truck rebuilt from a converted old milk truck; in April of 1954, the Company purchased its first apparatus from the John Bean Company; and

WHEREAS, The Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 held its first fundraising carnival in 1956; the carnivals were held annually until the late 1980s when the members decided to replace the carnivals with regular chicken barbeques and raffles to raise funds necessary for the fire department; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, the Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 converted an old gasoline tanker into a water tanker to be used for the fire department until 1965, when the members were able to purchase a new tanker; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the direction of Fire Chief, Rick Saxton and Company President, Peter Pinckney, the Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 is now equipped with four apparatus including an ambulance, a tanker-pumper, a squad truck, and a fire engine; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 70 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Fleming Fire Department

Company No. 2 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 Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 70 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 Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 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 Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 70 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 70th Anniversary of the Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2 to be celebrated on February 2, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rick Saxton, Fire Chief, the Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2.