

No. R-254. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department on 75 years of serving the community.

(H.C.R.207)

Offered by Representatives Morgan, M. of Milton and Morgan, L. of Milton

Offered by Senator Brennan

Whereas, in 1951, the citizens of the Town of Grand Isle decided to establish a volunteer fire department, and it was incorporated in 1957, and

Whereas, in pursuit of this worthy objective, a portable pump was attached to the back of a 1928 Chevrolet truck, and a community member's garage was designated as the town's fire station, and

Whereas, the original firefighting volunteers consisted of auto mechanics, carpenters, dairy creamery workers, and farmers who were dedicated to assisting their community when required, and

Whereas, during the past three quarters of a century, the scope of emergency support services offered, and the resources employed to execute these responsibilities, have greatly expanded, and

Whereas, among these services are community outreach, fire prevention initiatives, hazmat calls, vehicle extrication, ice rescue, and wildland fire response, and

Whereas, Grand Isle's geographical location has a direct impact on rescue operations, as the fleet includes Marine 1 and a supporting trailer to navigate Lake Champlain, and the department proudly maintains the State's longest-serving ice rescue certification program, and

Whereas, the modern land-based firefighting fleet includes two pumpers, a heavy rescue truck, a water tanker, and a brush truck, and

Whereas, through mutual aid agreements, the geographic coverage area the department may serve, when called upon, has broadened, and

Whereas, the department's spacious, multibay, 7,400-square-foot fire station located on Hyde Road is a vast upgrade from the original garage, and

Whereas, over the decades, the volunteer membership has consisted of men and women who exemplify the motto "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," who sacrifice time with their own families to help others when the need arises, and whose weekly duties have included certification and training, community relations, business liaisons, and truck maintenance, and

Whereas, since 1951, the dedication of these volunteers has created today's outstanding Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department, the foundation for a strong future and a positive community impact, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department on 75 years of serving the community, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department.