

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the life and valiant service of Captain Matthew Porcari, who died in the line of duty on January 21, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

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; 34-year-old Matthew Porcari was one such firefighter, who died doing what he loved; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Porcari, Captain of Owego Fire Department's Croton Hose Company No. 3, lost his life while serving the community he loved, on Monday, January 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Owego Free Academy, Matthew Porcari played first base for the first team in the school's history to win the New York State Baseball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Following in the footsteps of his father, John Porcari, Matthew Porcari joined the Owego Fire Department at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, A natural born leader, Matthew Porcari was employed by Broome Developmental Center; Matt was an active member of New Life West Church; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Porcari also brought great skill and dedication to his craft as a mason, as evidenced through his meticulous work several years ago when building a new section of an area middle school; and

WHEREAS, Described by all who knew him as a selfless man, Matthew Porcari was someone who would enter a crowd of strangers and leave with lifelong friends; and

WHEREAS, A husband, father and son, Matthew Porcari was a man who inspired many and moved others to service in the fire department; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, John Porcari; paternal grandfather, Peter Porcari; maternal grandparents, Lester and Jeanne Dunham; uncle, William Eschler, Matthew Porcari is survived by his wife, Christina Porcari; children, Tierney Walter, John Porcari, Alora Landis, Nicole Landis, Jennifer Henneforth; mother, Cheryl Porcari and Andy Hunt; sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and J.T. Bouchard; grandmother, Beverly Porcari; aunts and uncles, Ronald and Missie Dunham; Lee and Karen Dunham, Kathy Dunham, Patty Dunham Woodward; Sue Eschler and Steve Baker; mother-in-law, Linda Clayton; several cousins and numerous friends; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Porcari's Owego Fire Department family will always remember this outstanding man for the hard work and dedication he showed the fire company as well as the community, but most importantly, for his quality of character; and

WHEREAS, During his life, Firefighter Matthew Porcari touched many through his kindness and commitment to service; as we recall the loss of this great man, we memorialize his remarkable life and the enormous impact he had on everyone with whom he came in contact; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of Captain Matthew Porcari, who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life and valiant service of Captain Matthew Porcari, who died in the line of duty on January 21, 2013, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the family of Captain Matthew Porcari.