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Introduced by Sens. LANZA, AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- recommitted to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the establishment of the disaster preparedness first responder recognition program and the honoring of certain retired firefighters who were killed at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative declarations. The legislature hereby finds and
2 determines that there should be established a disaster preparedness
3 first responder recognition program to honor those brave men and women
4 who have given their lives as part of a disaster preparedness or first
5 response situation, in an effort to help, save and care for their fellow
6 man.
7 The legislature hereby further finds and declares that James J.
8 Corrigan, William Wren, and Phillip T. Hayes, were retired New York city
9 firefighters at the time of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World
10 Trade Center Complex in the state and city of New York. That such
11 retired firefighters, James J. Corrigan, William Wren, and Phillip T.
12 Hayes, were at the scene of such September 11, 2001 attack, and with
13 great heroism, courage and dedication to their community and fellow man,
14 and without concern for themselves or their own personal safety or well
15 being, such retired firefighters James J. Corrigan, William Wren, and
16 Phillip T. Hayes bravely assisted the rescue and firefighting efforts at
17 the World Trade Center, and in so doing, gave their lives in the furth-
18 erance of such noble and benevolent efforts.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 The legislature further hereby finds and declares, that the courageous
2 public service of James J. Corrigan, William Wren, and Phillip T. Hayes,
3 evidenced by their commitment to, and concern for, their state, their
4 city and their fellow citizens, over and above any risk or personal
5 peril they faced, as well as making the ultimate sacrifice as a result
6 of such service, demonstrates that these men and their surviving fami-
7 lies are deserving of the highest recognition, appreciation, honor and
8 gratitude that their state, their city, and their community can provide.

9 S 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 29-1 to read
10 as follows:

11 S 29-L. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION PROGRAM. 1.
12 THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNI-
13 TION PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF SUCH PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE RECOGNITION AND
14 HONOR TO THOSE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES AS PART OF
15 A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS OR FIRST RESPONSE SITUATION, IN AN EFFORT TO
16 HELP, SAVE AND CARE FOR THEIR FELLOW MAN. THE PROGRAM SHALL BE MANAGED
17 AND MAINTAINED BY THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
18 SERVICES. EACH YEAR, IN COORDINATION WITH THE STAFF AT THE DIVISION OF
19 HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, THE PROGRAM SHALL HONOR THREE
20 INDIVIDUALS FROM NEW YORK STATE WHO DESERVE RECOGNITION AND HONOR FOR
21 THEIR EFFORTS.

22 2. THERE SHALL BE THREE INITIAL HONOREES OF THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
23 FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION PROGRAM. SUCH INITIAL HONOREES SHALL BE
24 JAMES J. CORRIGAN, WILLIAM WREN, AND PHILLIP T. HAYES. SUCH HONORING
25 SHALL BE IN RECOGNITION OF SUCH RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS WHO LOST THEIR
26 LIVES AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. AS PART OF THEIR
27 STATUS AS INITIAL HONOREES BY THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FIRST RESPONDER
28 RECOGNITION PROGRAM, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF ANY GENERAL,
29 SPECIAL, OR LOCAL LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE CITY
30 OF NEW YORK AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, SHALL
31 BESTOW, AWARD AND PROVIDE JAMES J. CORRIGAN, WILLIAM WREN, AND PHILLIP
32 T. HAYES, AND THEIR FAMILIES, WITH ALL THE BENEFITS, HONORS, MERITS,
33 CEREMONIES, RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS AND STATUS PROVIDED TO ANY OTHER FIRE-
34 FIGHTER WHO PERISHED AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001,
35 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

36 A. POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDING JAMES J. CORRIGAN, WILLIAM WREN, AND PHILLIP
37 T. HAYES THE MEDAL OF VALOR AND THE SPECIAL WORLD TRADE CENTER MEDAL OF
38 VALOR AND PRESENTING THE SAME TO THE FAMILIES OF SUCH MEN AT A CEREMONY
39 HELD IN THEIR HONOR;

40 B. ADDING THE NAMES OF JAMES J. CORRIGAN, WILLIAM WREN, AND PHILLIP T.
41 HAYES TO ALL MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES HONORING THE BRAVE FIRE-
42 FIGHTERS FROM THE CITY OF NEW YORK WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE WORLD
43 TRADE CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, INCLUDING BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE OF
44 ADDING THEIR NAMES TO THE WALL OF HONOR AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE
45 CITY OF NEW YORK'S HEADQUARTERS;

46 C. POSTHUMOUSLY RETIRING THE BADGES OF JAMES J. CORRIGAN, WILLIAM
47 WREN, AND PHILLIP T. HAYES;

48 D. ESTABLISHING A PICTURE MEMORIAL TO JAMES J. CORRIGAN, WILLIAM WREN,
49 AND PHILLIP T. HAYES IN THE FIREHOUSE IN WHICH EACH SUCH FIREFIGHTER
50 LAST SERVED, COMMEMORATING SUCH FIREFIGHTERS' SERVICE AND ACKNOWLEDGING
51 THEIR SACRIFICE AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001;

52 E. ESTABLISHING A PICTURE MEMORIAL TO JAMES J. CORRIGAN, WILLIAM WREN,
53 AND PHILLIP T. HAYES IN THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE STATE
54 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, COMMEMORATING SUCH FIREFIGHTERS' SERVICE
55 AND ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR SACRIFICE AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON SEPTEMBER
56 11, 2001.

1 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the recog-
2 nition activities required by section 29-1 of the executive law, as
3 added by section two of this act shall be completed on or before the
4 ninetieth day from the date upon which this act shall have become a law.