

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMEMORATING the unveiling of a plaque honoring the late Firefighter Kenneth Joseph Marino who lost his life on September 11, 2001

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the unveiling of a plaque honoring the late Firefighter Kenneth Joseph Marino who lost his life on September 11, 2001; the dedication will take place at the Mombasha Fire Company Station 1 in Monroe, New York, on Saturday, June 10, 2017, and will be followed with a luncheon in the Fireman's Hall; and

WHEREAS, A 6 year veteran of the New York City Fire Department's elite rescue squad, Kenneth Joseph Marino was among the first to enter the stricken World Trade Center's north tower just minutes after a hijacked airliner smashed into its upper floors; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his illustrious career with FDNY, Kenneth Joseph Marino served for 20 years as a member of several volunteer fire departments, most recently with the Mombasha Fire Company/Monroe Fire Department, when he made the ultimate sacrifice helping others; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Joseph Marino is survived by his wife, Katrina, and their two children, Kristin and Tyler, as well as a legion of fellow firefighters and friends who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his meritorious life, Kenneth Joseph Marino touched many through his kindness and commitment to service, and, 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 a courageous firefighter 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 commemorate the unveiling of a plaque honoring the late Firefighter Kenneth Joseph Marino who lost his life on September 11, 2001; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Firefighter Kenneth Joseph Marino.