

Assembly Resolution No. 481

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MOURNING the death of Irving A. Isenberg, renowned fire chief, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

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, This Legislative Body is moved to mourn the death of Irving A. Isenberg of Getzville, New York, who died on Friday, November 1, 2019, at the age of 55 from myeloma, a bone marrow cancer, after heroically volunteering his time and energies at Ground Zero; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 17, 1963, Irving A. Isenberg was a proud member of the Getzville Fire Department for 29 years, during which time he served as fire chief for four years and president for two years; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in the days following the terrorist attacks of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, Irving A. Isenberg, along with other Getzville Fire Department members, assisted with efforts to locate victims at the site of Ground Zero, where he is credited with the rescue of multiple civilians from the rubble; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his valuable fire service, Irving A. Isenberg was a dedicated member of four different ambulance companies as a first responder, an IT Director at Twin City Ambulance, and Plant Manager for his family's business, Isenberg Meats; and

WHEREAS, Of his many interests, Irving A. Isenberg loved his family, dogs, collecting guns, and telling jokes; and

WHEREAS, Irving A. Isenberg genuinely loved being a firefighter, and through his strong work ethic, great courage, and positive attitude, he inspired numerous fellow firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Irving A. Isenberg received recognition for his self-sacrifice during a ceremony on September 30, 2021, when his name was added to the state memorial dedicated to EMS workers in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Irving A. Isenberg is survived by his wife, Lisa; his mother, Alice; sisters, Susan Boyar and Ruth Lipsitz; stepsons, Jeffrey and Aaron Costa; and one granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his meritorious life, Irving A. Isenberg 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 mourn the death of Irving A. Isenberg, renowned firefighter, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Irving A. Isenberg.