

Assembly Resolution No. 82

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PAYING tribute to the life and valiant service of
Firefighter Robert J. Spatta

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous firefighter who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family, Westchester County and the Croton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, Robert J. Spatta died on Sunday, February 14, 2021, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Spatta, affectionately known to many as Bobby, was born to John and Clara Spatta on September 2, 1944, in Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Spatta proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War; on November 13, 1971, he married the former Virginia Cerrato, and together, they raised three children; and

WHEREAS, For 35 years, Robert J. Spatta was a valuable employee for the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Spatta was also a well-respected and dedicated firefighter; he was a life active member of the Croton Fire Department, member of the Ossining Volunteer Fire Department, honorary member of the Mohegan Fire District, and honorary ex-chief of Washington Engine Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, When he was not working or busy at the firehouse, Robert J. Spatta truly loved spending time with his cherished family, especially his grandchildren, and was a member of the Lakers Social and Athletic Club of Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents and his brother Warren, Robert J. Spatta is survived by his wife, Virginia; one daughter, Kristie (Doug); two sons, Dan (Rina) and John (Cynthia); nine grandchildren, Lanie, Vinny, Dan, Dominic, Antonio, Sebastian, Salvatore, Sergio and Stella; and two sisters, Virginia Pecora and Karen Karam, as well as a legion of fellow firefighters who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his meritorious life, Robert J. Spatta 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 pay tribute to the life and valiant service of Firefighter Robert J. Spatta; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Firefighter Robert J. Spatta.