

Assembly Resolution No. 204

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MOURNING the death of John F. McArdle,
distinguished law enforcement officer, beloved
family man, 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, John F. McArdle of Carmel, New York, died on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, John F. McArdle distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Beginning a long and decorated career in law enforcement in 1978, John F. McArdle first served as a Corrections Officer at Greenhaven Correctional in Stormville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Later working his way up within the New York City Police Department (NYPD), John F. McArdle served in the Bronx Task Force, Emergency Services Unit (ESU), ESU Tactical Apprehension Team (A-TEAM), and Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) New York Task Force 1; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his retirement in July of 2001, John F. McArdle selflessly returned to service immediately following the World Trade Center attacks, and was assigned as the On Scene Coordinator for the ESU Search, Rescue, and Recovery operations; his gracious efforts undoubtedly left a positive impact on countless families and lives of those affected by this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, John F. McArdle is the 90th recipient of the NYPD Honor Legion Medal of Valor; his other honors include the Centurion Foundation Award, NYC Police Foundation Award for Excellence, 6 Commendations from various Police Commissioners, 12 Meritorious Police Duty Awards, 10 Excellent Police Duty Awards, and 1 Emergency Medical Service Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, In his retirement, John F. McArdle volunteered his time to various organizations including HEART 9/11 group, National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), New York FOP, Retired Lieutenants Association, and Retired Emergency Men Association (REMA); and

WHEREAS, John F. McArdle's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Giving of his time to his community, John F. McArdle was Vice President of the Stephen P. Driscoll Memorial Lodge No. 704; while

there, he assisted in the development and implementation of the Members Assistance Program called Cops 4 Cops; and

WHEREAS, Although he loved his career and community involvement, John F. McArdle was most proud of his family; he loved being a dad, husband, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, In his free time, John F. McArdle enjoyed cooking for friends and family, going fishing, and gardening; and

WHEREAS, John F. McArdle is survived by his cherished wife, Barbara; three beloved daughters, Jackie, Kerri, and Kim, and his adored grandson, Chase; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John F. McArdle leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of John F. McArdle, distinguished law enforcement officer, beloved family man, 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 John F. McArdle.