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Introduced by M. of A. TOWNS, DenDEKKER, WALKER, GREENE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to provide for the issuance of unit citations to police, fire, and emergency medical services units that responded to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 and participated in the rescue and recovery operations on succeeding dates

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

Section 1. World Trade Center distinguished unit citations. a. The secretary of state shall issue World Trade Center distinguished unit citations to qualifying units. Such citation shall consist of two components: (1) a suitable banner, plaque, citation, or other device, or a combination thereof, to be issued to a qualifying unit and (2) a suitable badge, medal, emblem, or patch to be issued to all members of a qualifying unit at the time the unit rendered World Trade Center service. Such second component shall be issued posthumously to all deceased members of a qualifying unit who were members thereof at the time the unit rendered World Trade Center service.

b. For the purposes of this act:

(1) "World Trade Center service" means service at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 and participation in rescue and recovery operations thereat on succeeding dates.

(2) A "qualifying unit" is a group of police officers, firefighters, or emergency medical services personnel, whether professional or volunteer, whose members rendered World Trade Center service. Qualifying units shall be designated on the basis of the smallest organizational unit that rendered such service, e.g., precinct, company, squad, firehouse, etc.

c. The secretary of state is authorized to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this act and is entitled to receive all reasonable cooperation therein as the secretary of state may require from all state agencies.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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