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H. RES. 172

Honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 19, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. KING, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. MCHUGH, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. FOSSELLA, and Mr. ACKERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters.

Whereas on June 17, 2001, 350 firefighters and numerous police officers responded to a 911 call that sent them to Long Island General Supply Company in Queens, New York;

Whereas a fire and an explosion in a two-story building had turned the 128-year-old, family-owned store into a heap of broken bricks, twisted metal, and shattered glass;

Whereas all those who responded to the scene served without reservation and with their personal safety on the line;

Whereas two civilians and dozens of firefighters were injured by the blaze, including firefighters Joseph Vosilla and Brendan Manning who were severely injured;

Whereas John J. Downing of Ladder Company 163, an 11-year veteran of the department and resident of Port Jefferson Station, and a husband and father of two, lost his life in the fire;

Whereas Brian Fahey of Rescue Company 4, a 14-year veteran of the department and resident of East Rockaway, and a husband and father of three, lost his life in the fire; and

Whereas Harry Ford of Rescue Company 4, a 27-year veteran of the department from Long Beach, and a husband and father of three, lost his life in the fire: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and
3 Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of
4 duty as firefighters, and recognizes them for their
5 bravery and sacrifice;

6 (2) extends its deepest sympathies to the fami-
7 lies of these three brave heroes; and

8 (3) pledges its support and to continue to work
9 on behalf of all of the Nation's firefighters who risk
10 their lives every day to ensure the safety of all
11 Americans.

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