

## 2015-J903

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the life and valiant service of Montgomery Fire Department Fire Policeman Charles V. Wallace, who gave the ultimate sacrifice on February 3, 2015

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, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; Charles V. Wallace was one such firefighter who died doing what he loved; and

WHEREAS, Charles V. Wallace of Montgomery, New York, died in the line of duty on February 3, 2015, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, A native of Goshen, New York, Charles V. Wallace was born on January 18, 1941, the son of the late Aaron Van Duzer Wallace Jr. and Frances Hunington Wilson Wallace; and

WHEREAS, Charles V. Wallace proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy; he was also the owner and operator of the Charles Wallace Surveying Company in Montgomery for many years; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Charles V. Wallace first joined the Montgomery Fire Department, where he rendered faithful, conscientious, and loyal service to his community; he was also a member of the Wallkill Engine and Hose Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years this courageous individual continued to serve the people of Orange County with diligence, honor, and distinction;

WHEREAS, At the age of 73, Charles V. Wallace was present at 297 out of 562 calls for the Montgomery Fire Department in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Charles V. Wallace was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his outstanding service, including the 1978 Fireman of the Year Award, the 2008 Montgomery Fire Department Life Saver Award, and the 2012 Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Service; and

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

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Charles V. Wallace was a member of the Montgomery Planning Board, Montgomery Master Plan Committee, General Montgomery Day Committee, and the Montgomery Fireman's Fair Committee; furthermore, he was Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Montgomery Fire District, and a member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Charles V. Wallace is survived by one brother, John (Mary); his loving wife, Julianne; their three daughters, Diana, Bonnie, and Susan (Gavin); and three grandchildren, Mark (Cassie), Janelle, and Mathew; as well as one great-grandson, Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Fire Policeman Charles V. Wallace 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 intent of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of this 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 Montgomery Fire Department Fire Policeman Charles V. Wallace, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Fire Policeman Charles V. Wallace.