



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jack M. Martins

Senator Martins Attends Patriot Flag Ceremony in Floral Park

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On Saturday, April 2, Senator Jack M. Martins joined the Floral Park Fire Department for the Flag and Memorial Wall ceremony. The 9-11 Patriot Flag is making a tour of all 50 states and flew over Floral Park. The flag is 30X55.5 feet and weighs 75 pounds. It was raised by two aerial ladder fire trucks at the Reliance Firehouse parking field on Jericho Turnpike and Holland Avenue.

The ceremony was extremely emotional since it paid tribute to Keith Fairben and Ronald Kloepper, who died on 9-11 while coming to the rescue of others.

"This was an incredibly moving ceremony that touched everyone. Ken Fairben, the Reliance Engine and all our firefighters, emergency service personnel and community made this day one we will never forget," said Senator Martins. "Having the Patriot Flag, the Memorial Wall and the Remembrance Banner at this ceremony was an honor and privilege that all of us in attendance will cherish for a very long time. For me, signing the flag and book was a moment of great personal reflection that I will always remember."