

## 2015-J6358

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the life and valiant service of Captain Vernon Richard who died in the line of duty during 9/11

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their job with the utmost concern and professionalism; Captain Vernon Richard was one such firefighter who died doing what he loved; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his life and valiant service, the New York City Fire Department School for Fire and Life Safety will be officially renamed in his memory at a Ceremony on Monday, June 20, 2016, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his meritorious life, Captain Vernon Richard 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 sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of a 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 Captain Vernon Richard who died in the line of duty during 9/11; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Captain Vernon Richard.