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Senator George Latimer and Assemblymember Shelley Mayer support resolution memorializing fallen FDNY Battalion Chief Michael J. Fahy

YONKERS, NY—New York State Senator George Latimer (D-Westchester) joined with Assemblymember Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) and other colleagues in the State legislature to support a resolution “Memorializing the Life of Fallen Battalion Chief Michael J. Fahy”. Chief Fahy, a Yonkers resident, passed away on September 27, 2016, following a building explosion in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx.

Senator Latimer said, "The work we do here in this Chamber pales in comparison to the work that Chief Fahy and his fellow firefighters do every day in communities across this great State. I am honored to live in and represent a community of such great heroes." Senator Latimer was joined in sponsoring the resolution by Senator Gustavo Rivera, who represents

Kingsbridge, among many other State Senate members.

In the Assembly, Yonkers Assemblymember Shelley Mayer was a co-sponsor of the resolution with Assemblymember Victor Pichardo, who represents the Kingsbridge area where Chief Fahy worked. "The resolution is but a small token of what we can do to commemorate his life and his work," said Assemblymember Mayer. "Chief Fahy put his life on the line, and his family should know just how much of a hero he is in our eyes, too."

"We will always be grateful for his service and his bravery, and continue to have his family in our thoughts and prayers," added Assemblymember Mayer. Chief Fahy is survived by his wife, Fiona, and their three children Michael, Cormac and Ann Elisabeth.

"My heart goes out to Battalion Chief Fahy, his wife and their children. To be a Battalion Chief is not just a commitment of your own, but also a commitment made by those who love you. I so appreciate my colleagues in the State Senate, as well as the Assembly, pausing to honor a great man who so selflessly gave of himself. I deeply admire the work and life of Battalion Chief Michael J. Fahy and thank Senator Rivera and my other colleagues for honoring him," Senator Latimer said.

Members of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA) including FDNY UFOA President, James Lemonda; Chief's Representative and Deputy Chief, Paul Ferro; Lieutenant James McCarthy; and Lieutenant Patrick Dunn, joined the legislative sponsors for the passage of the resolution in Albany on February 7, 2017.

"The men and women of our community who serve as firefighters know the risks their work involves, but they have a deep sense of public service and a love for their work. Chief Fahy embodied these values, and we will continue to remember him in this light," noted

Assemblymember Mayer.

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