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Res. No. 209

Resolution calling on the City of New York to commemorate July 31<sup>st</sup> as New York City Firefighters Recognition Day.

By Council Member Eugene

Whereas, In 1865 the modern-day New York City Fire Department (“FDNY”) was established; and

Whereas, The FDNY is now the largest municipal fire department in the United States; and

Whereas, The FDNY provides first responder services for approximately 322 square city miles; and

Whereas, The FDNY responds to a wide variety of emergency incidents including structural fires, public safety emergencies, both medical and non-medical emergencies, natural disasters, and terrorist acts; and

Whereas, The FDNY responded to over 1.7 million incidents, including fire emergencies and both medical and non-medical emergencies, during the 2016 calendar year; and

Whereas, Today, more than 16,000 men and women serve in the FDNY, risking their lives daily to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and visitors to New York City; and

Whereas, The FDNY not only responds to fire and medical emergencies, but also plays a role in advancing public safety through its fire prevention and education programs; and

Whereas, One example of the FDNY’s educational programming is training over 21,000 civilians in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation or CPR during the 2016 calendar year; and

Whereas, FDNY firefighters and emergency medical personnel dedicate their lives to protect the well-being of New York City residents and its visitors; and

Whereas, The world witnessed the tremendous courage of our City's Bravest through such events as the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and Superstorm Sandy; and

Whereas, In honor of the City's first professional fire department unit, Engine Company Number 1, which went into service on July 31, 1865, the City of New York should establish July 31<sup>st</sup> as Firefighter Recognition Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the City of New York to commemorate July 31<sup>st</sup> as New York City Firefighters Recognition Day.

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