

RESOLUTION NO. 119

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF ALBANY FIREFIGHTER THEODORE ABRIEL

Introduced: 3/12/07

By the Albany County Legislature:

WHEREAS, The citizens of Albany County and the community of firefighters mourn the loss of one of the Albany Fire Department's finest with the untimely death of Firefighter Theodore Abriel at the age of 44 from a heart attack while in the line of duty on February 19, 2007, and

WHEREAS, Theodore Abriel came from a long line of family members whose history in the firefighting service dates to 1867 when the Albany Fire Department was reorganized from a volunteer service to a department of paid professionals and whose late father and two brothers served the department, and

WHEREAS, Teddy, as he was known to his fellow firefighters, was a member of the Department's elite rescue squad, quartered at the Arbor Hill firehouse, for the last two years and was the squad's acting lieutenant in line for a promotion, and

WHEREAS, A 20-year veteran of the Department, Firefighter Abriel was a member of the local, state and federal firefighters unions, unit leader of the Albany Firefighter's Honor Guard, a firehouse cook and recipient of the 1996 Humanitarian Award from Whiskers Animal Benevolent League for his rescue of a cat from a burning home, and

WHEREAS, Teddy touched the lives of fellow firefighters, demonstrated his devotion to the service through his generous contributions, earned from his sideline business embroidering firemen's logos, patches and insignia on T-shirts and hats, to the families of New York City firefighters who perished in the 9/11/01 terrorist attack, and set an outstanding example for those who follow in his footsteps, and

WHEREAS, Theodore Abriel was a loyal and devoted family man, beloved husband of Linda, loving father of their four children Christopher, Matthew, Teddy Jr. and Erin, adoring son, and treasured brother, uncle and friend of countless fellow firefighters and residents of the community, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That on behalf of all of the citizens of Albany County, the Albany County Legislature extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family of Firefighter Theodore Abriel on his passing, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution suitably embossed be delivered to the family of Firefighter Abriel to symbolize the condolences of this Honorable Body.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 3/12/07