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9/11 RECOGNIZED AS A DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE BY THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Legislators Craig V. Lopez and Thomas J. Briggs attempted to split themselves in two last September 11th, when requested to not only attend their community's ceremony recognizing and honoring the victims and heroes from September 11, 2001 but also complete their Legislative duties by attending a Standing Committee meeting. Legislator Briggs stood beside Legislator Craig V. Lopez last night in support of Legislator Lopez's Resolution to exclude September 11th as a date for any future committee or other meetings of the Ulster County Legislature.

Legislator Lopez introduced the Resolution to not only honor those lost that fateful day but to honor and give thanks to all former and current first responders. Legislator Lopez stated, "For our first responders, our Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Police Officers, this anniversary date is not just a day of remembrance, it is a constant reminder of the self-sacrifice they offer each and every time they answer the call."

As most community celebrations occur in the evening hours, to accommodate the working men and women that make up the first responder community, the successful passage of Legislator Lopez's Resolution has ensured that Ulster County elected representatives can stand with these great men and women at annual events and reflect on their commitment and devotion to serve the Ulster County community each and every day.

Resolution 275 of 2012, which passed the full Legislative body by 12 to 10 on January 22, 2013, amended the Rules of Order for the Legislature to state if a regular or committee meeting falls on a holiday, September 11 or if the Chairman determines the safety and welfare of the public and members may be compromised due to inclement weather or any other emergency, said regular session or committee meetings shall be held on another day designated by the Chairman. Those voting in favor of the Resolution included Legislators Aeillo (Saugerties), Belfiglio (Esopus), Bernardo (Rochester, Wawarsing), Briggs (Ellenville, Wawarsing), Fabiano (Saugerties), Gerentine (Marlborough), Lopez (Shawangunk, Wawarsing), Maio (Lloyd, Marlborough), Maloney (Kingston, Ulster), Roberts (Plattekill), Ronk (Shawangunk), and Wawro (Saugerties). Legislator Harris (Lloyd, Plattekill) was absent from the vote.

Chairman Bernardo thanked Legislator Lopez for introducing the Resolution, "We were all personally touched by the events of 9/11 and because of Legislator Lopez, future elected leaders in Ulster County are able to take time to not only reflect on the past but to consider decisions that impact the future of emergency response services."

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