

107TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 117

Honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their  
lives in the course of duty as firefighters.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26, 2001

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the  
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JUNE 28, 2001

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford,  
who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters.

Whereas on June 17, 2001, 350 firefighters and numerous  
police officers responded to a 911 call that sent them to  
Long Island General Supply Company in Queens, New  
York;

Whereas a fire and an explosion in a 2-story building had  
turned the 128-year-old, family-owned store into a heap  
of broken bricks, twisted metal, and shattered glass;

Whereas all those who responded to the scene served without  
reservation and with their personal safety on the line;

Whereas 2 civilians and dozens of firefighters were injured by the blaze, including firefighters Joseph Vosilla and Brendan Manning who were severely injured;

Whereas John J. Downing of Ladder Company 163, an 11-year veteran of the department and resident of Port Jefferson Station, and a husband and father of 2, lost his life in the fire;

Whereas Brian Fahey of Rescue Company 4, a 14-year veteran of the department and resident of East Rockaway, and a husband and father of 3, lost his life in the fire; and

Whereas Harry Ford of Rescue Company 4, a 27-year veteran of the department from Long Beach, and a husband and father of 3, lost his life in the fire: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) honors John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and  
3       Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of  
4       duty as firefighters, and recognizes them for their  
5       bravery and sacrifice;

6               (2) extends its deepest sympathies to the fami-  
7       lies of these 3 brave heroes; and

8               (3) pledges its support and to continue to work  
9       on behalf of all of the Nation's firefighters who risk  
10      their lives every day to ensure the safety of all  
11      Americans.

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