

Senator Espaillat Joins New Yorkers in Commemorating 10th Anniversary of September 11th Attacks

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(New York, NY) – As New York – and all of America – comes together to commemorate the 10 th anniversary of the attacks perpetrated on September 11th, 2001, State Senator Adriano Espaillat released the following statement:

"On September 11th, 2001, America became victim to the worst terrorist attack in our nation's history. While the terrorists' actions personified evil, the ensuing moments, days, and month

revealed the great character and unshakable foundation of New York.

"From the fire fighters who rushed into burning buildings when everyone else was running in the other direction, to the volunteers who worked seemingly endless shifts to search for survivors and recover remains, New Yorkers from every corner rose up and answered the call of duty. After the initial response to the attacks, New Yorkers made good on our pledge to come back stronger than ever; building businesses, expanding schools, and continuing the amazing experiment that has made our city, state, and country the envy of the world.

"Today, as we mourn for those who lost their lives on that terrible day – a loss that's certainly present in my district which is home to dozens of innocent men and women who died during the attacks – we also remember the tremendous courage and commitment to one another that New Yorkers displayed on September 11th, 2011.

"It's in this spirit that we must move forward, come together, and continue to thrive together in this, the greatest city in the world."

Photo caption: Senator Espaillat attends reading of names of firefighters lost on 9/11/01, at the Firefighters monument on West 100th Street