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Senator Martins Joins With Village of Floral Park in Remembering 9/11

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Senator Jack M. Martins joined with the Village of Floral Park on Saturday, October 1 to pay tribute to the Floral Park residents who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The ceremony marked an historic moment in the Village of Floral since a monument was unveiled, featuring a steel beam from the World Trade Center. The monument is located in front of Floral Park Village Hall.

The September 11th Families Association began taking requests from organizations interested in obtaining steel artifacts from the World Trade Center. Floral Park Firefighters Eric O'Connor and Mike Saville submitted a letter requesting an artifact. The Floral Park Fire Department was later notified that the village had been awarded a beam.

The beam was dedicated in memory of the 11 Floral Park residents who lost their lives on 9/11. Their names are engraved around a base with the steel beam sits atop the base. Floral Park Mayor Tom Tweedy said, in dedicating the monument, that it rose up again just as the spirit of the community rose up.

In speaking to those gathered, Senator Martins said, "We joined with you on that day. We join with you again today. Let this monument stand as a testament that we will never forget."

The Floral Park residents who will never be forgotten are:

Michelle Bratton

Bill Dean

Keith G. Fairben

Ryan D. Fitzgerald

Howard Gelling

Thomas Hetzel

Robert C. King, Jr.

Ronald P. Kloepfer

Brian Magee

Charles Mendez