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We will never forget September 11th, 2001 and those we lost on that tragic day.

Remarks:

From: Supervisor Linda Puglisi

I would like to thank all of the members of our 9/11 Task Force and our very special Director; Janet Mainiero. Each member has contributed greatly to achieve our goal and dream of our lovely memorial.

Our architect and designer of this beautiful 9/11 memorial is James Rhodes and the sculptor is Lauren Davis of *Reaching Through The Shadow*; the name of this beautiful memorial.

We all wanted this site to be on the banks of the Hudson River and it is located at Croton Landing Park in Croton-on-Hudson. We have worked together; Town of Cortlandt, Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Village of Buchanan, the 9/11 Memorial Task Force and many members of the community to make a lasting tribute to the memory of those eight wonderful gentlemen we lost that day and to all who lost their lives on that tragic day twelve years ago in New York City, Pennsylvania and in Washington, D.C..

Many of us went to the airport hanger led by our first responders and emergency service groups to gently pick up our one ton piece of steel left from the fall of the World Trade Center. It is a permanent key part of our memorial and it is SACRED! Next year we will put in place the statue sculpture by Lauren Davis – it is of a historic figure of a woman reaching through the shadows. She reaches but does not quite touch the beam. I have seen a preview of the statue and it's very moving and beautiful.

I thank my Town Board members for their support and our colleagues in Croton and in Buchanan for jointly working together. I can't think of anything more important.

I praise as always our first responders to ground zero, our emergency service providers who protect us and the brave men and women who have and are defending our great County. Bless them all and God Bless America!