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New York State Senator Steve Rhoads & Military Blue Star Mothers Collect 1,661 Professional Clothing Items for Veterans

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Senator Steve Rhoads and Andrea Nordquist, President of Military Blue Star Mothers NY 14, stand in the middle of Senator Rhoads' office overflowing with boxes and bags of professional clothing for veterans.

From March 1st through April 1st New York State Senator Steve Rhoads and Military Blue Star Mothers NY 14, a local organization dedicated to supporting and honoring our military service members and their families, held a professional clothing drive to support young veterans in New York looking to start their professional careers. Thanks to Andrea and her

teams' collective efforts along with the unwavering support of our generous community, a whopping 1,661 items were collected to help these veterans succeed in their job interviews and professional settings. State Senator Steve Rhoads and Military Blue Star Mothers NY 14 are committed to making a positive impact on the lives of these young veterans and helping them transition into civilian life with confidence and success.

Special thanks to Verity Van Lines for donating the collection boxes, the Seaford Public Library, Bellmore Memorial Library, Wantagh Public Library, and the Levittown Public Library for serving as collection sites, and all the Kiwanis Clubs part of the Long Island South Central Division that made this drive a resounding success.

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Senator Rhoads said, “When we began this drive, I said we were going to make it a “March to remember our military heroes” and I am proud to say we did just that. It was heartwarming to see the support and appreciation from residents in my district — rich with a history of military service men and women — truly value and appreciate the sacrifices made by our heroes. Thank you to everyone in the community who donated clothing for our professional clothing drive; your generosity underscores the fact that our veterans deserve all the recognition and support we can give, not only on Veterans Day or Memorial Day, but each and every day.”

As a group of mothers who have sons and daughters who are currently serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces, the Military Blue Star Mothers understand the importance of providing resources and support to those who have bravely served our

country.

Andrea Nordquist, President of Military Blue Star Mothers NY 14, said, “I am truly blown away by the generosity of Senator Rhoads and his constituents for veterans in need. We collected so many wonderful items that we are going to be able to bring to them and help change their lives. I cannot thank Senator Rhoads, his staff, and all the people in his district and everyone who helped to support this most worthy cause.”