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Senator Martins Thanks Elmont Resident For His Work For VetDogs

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Senator Jack M. Martins honored Elmont resident and Sewanhaka High School student J.P. Iacaona on the floor of the New York State Senate in recognition his work to assist veterans in the greater Elmont, Franklin Square, Floral Park and North Valley Stream communities. JP has raised over \$5,700 to provide service dogs to disabled veterans and wounded warriors. America's VetDogs provide guide dogs, service dogs, and new technologies for disabled

veterans. VetDogs serves men and women who have lost their eyesight or limbs, suffered traumatic brain injuries or post-traumatic stress disorder, giving them companions to help them lead a more active life. Iacona began by collecting scrap metal for charity before starting a recycling program at Covert Avenue School to raise funds for Elmont's veteran community. "JP has shown what one person can do when they put their mind to it. He is a leader in his community and loved by all who come in contact with him. If you are at the Elmont American Legion, you can rest assured that he will be there with his family volunteering, pitching in and making a difference. I am very proud of him," said Senator Martins.

Senator Martins presented Iacona with a New York State Senate resolution passed by the entire Senate in legislative session.