

## 2021-K562

Assembly Resolution No. 562

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COMMENDING the volunteers of the Guardians of Our Dependents Foundation in recognition of the vital and compassionate work they do in helping both loved ones and Police Officers after a fellow officer gives the ultimate sacrifice

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pride in applauding foundations whose diligence and sympathetic commitment help to improve the lives of others in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the volunteers of the Guardians of Our Dependents (GOOD) Foundation in recognition of the vital and compassionate work they do in helping both loved ones and Police Officers after a fellow officer gives the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, The Founder, Officer Daniel Colondona, Jr., and the GOOD Foundation volunteers will remember and pay just tribute to the late Suffolk County Police Officer Daniel Colondona, Sr., who was the inspiration behind this mission, on the date of his birthday, September 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Guardians of Our Dependents (GOOD) Foundation helps the families of members of Police

Departments after a fellow member passes; this includes both non-line of duty deaths and line of duty deaths; and

WHEREAS, The GOOD Foundation has been able to help over two dozen families, not only from the Suffolk County Police Department, but from Nassau County as well as the NYPD; and

WHEREAS, The volunteers of the GOOD Foundation aim to serve any Suffolk County family who has lost a parent of the law enforcement service; they take the children to numerous activities throughout the year, sponsor several events for these families to spend time with other families who know the same loss they have experienced, provide an annual scholarship, and lend a hand in helping out with home repairs, as well as offer genuine caring support to the surviving spouse and children; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the GOOD Foundation has demonstrated the value of caring for others by listening and responding with kindness while assisting those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the volunteers of the Guardians of Our Dependents Foundation in recognition of the vital and compassionate work they do in helping both loved ones and Police Officers after a fellow officer gives the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Officer Daniel Colondona, Jr., Founder, the GOOD Foundation.