

Senate Resolution No. 1022

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Michael Essig upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Person of the Year Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 3, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who devote their life's work and purpose to public service, contributing to the care and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Essig upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Person of the Year Award by the National Police Defense Foundation, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1995, the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) provides critical medical and legal support services to the law enforcement community and its membership which now exceeds more than 205,000 members and supporters nationwide and in 12 foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, Michael Essig has been an active member of law enforcement community for more than 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Currently serving as President of the New York State Order of Police (NYSFOP), Michael Essig began his involvement with this vital organization through his local lodge, Mid-Hudson FOP Lodge No. 188, where he has also served on the Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed man was President of the NYSFOP Foundation, Inc., where he remains a Director on the Foundation's Board; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the Westchester County Police Academy, Michael Essig serves as a Deputy Sheriff in its Anti-Terrorist Analytical Group (ATAG); he also served as a union delegate for many years at the Westchester County Department of Correction and has been appointed to the Advisory Committee for the Orange County District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering dedication to the law enforcement community, Michael Essig served as Chairman of Homeland Security for the 19th Congressional District, as well as Parliamentarian and Vice-President of the Orange County Shields, and Vice-President of the Rockland County Steuben Association; he is also a member of the Rockland County Shields; and

WHEREAS, Michael Essig proudly serves as a member on the Board of

Directors for the Hudson Valley Easter Seals Thanksgiving and Christmas food pantry outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Vicki, and their two children, Robert and Brianna, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Michael Essig, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Essig upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Person of the Year Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 3, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Essig.