

Senate Resolution No. 562

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMENDING the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Top Cops Awards Dinner and paying tribute to the 2022 honorees on April 26, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Top Cops Awards Dinner and to pay tribute to the 2022 honorees on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, Mulcahy's Pub and Concert Hall in Wantagh, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees are: Overall Top Cops, Police Officer Oliver Balena and Police Officer Jonathan Sarro; Distinguished Service, Police Officer Robert Psomas, Police Officer Michael Sierzant and Lieutenant Daniel Delargy; Meritorious, Police Officer Chelsea Penn; Lifesaver, Police Officer Brandon Inman and Police Officer Mark Valentino; Perseverance Award, Police Officer Wayne Resnick; Top Detectives, Detective Ryan Hayden and Detective Chris Ingram; Top Supervisor, Sergeant Jimmy Lee; and Person of the Year, Robert Griggs III; and

WHEREAS, Formed on July 18, 1928, the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association (PBA) has remained true to its mission of providing support to its police officers and the important public safety role they play, and strives to pass on the department's most important traditions to future generations of police officers, especially respect and honor for their sisters and brothers who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Nassau County PBA is in direct correlation to the efforts of its President, Tommy Shevlin, and its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the

preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Top Cops Awards Dinner and to pay tribute to the 2022 honorees on April 26, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees and to Tommy Shevlin, President, Nassau County Police Benevolent Association.