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LINDSAY III AND COLLEAGUES SECURE LOCATION FOR THE LT. MICHAEL MURPHY SEA CADET PROGRAM IN WEST SAYVILLE

County Executive Bellone signs legislation into law



(Pictured: Legislators Kevin McCaffrey, Rob Calarco, County Executive Steve Bellone, Lt. Michael Murphy's father Dan Murphy, Legislator Bill Lindsay III and Members of the Lt. Michael Murphy Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps.)

(WEST SAYVILLE-NY)- Suffolk County Legislator Bill Lindsay III was joined by his colleagues on the legislature and members of the Lt. Michael Murphy Division of

the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps this past Saturday as County Executive Steve Bellone signed a bill authorizing the County and the Long Island Maritime Museum to establish a more permanent relationship with the Sea Cadets. This law will allow the Sea Cadets to secure their location at the Long Island Maritime Museum in West Sayville and utilize and improve existing structures on the Museum grounds. With the passage of this law, the Sea Cadet Corps can offer their program on an ongoing basis, open up the program to more cadets, and foster public appreciation for maritime and naval history.

“The Lt. Michael Murphy Sea Cadets have great leadership and committed cadets that help to add character to our county,” said Lindsay III. “I am extremely proud and committed to this program and I hope that in addition to preserving the legacy of one of our local heroes, Michael Murphy, it provides a place for our young people to learn, grow, and gain first-hand experience in the day to day operations of our armed forces.”

The Lt. Michael Murphy Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, which was established in 2012, honors a local hero and Medal of Honor recipient, Michael Murphy, who was killed in action in 2005 during a counter-insurgency mission in Afghanistan. The Sea Cadet Corps continues to honor his legacy by offering nautically oriented training for adolescents between the ages of 11 and 17, education about basic seamanship and seagoing skills, and also instills a sense of patriotism and self-reliance. To date, three cadets have moved on to attend naval academies throughout the United States.

“Today was about sending a clear signal that Suffolk County will do everything in its power to foster public appreciation for the long and distinguished history of maritime and naval services,” said County Executive Steve Bellone. “Learning about the sacrifices and courage of the men and women who served teaches all of us important lessons about who we are as Americans. We are a strong, compassionate and resilient people.”

Introductory Resolution 1455, which was cosponsored by Legislators Lindsay, Calarco, Cilmi, Hahn, Browning, McCaffrey and Deputy Presiding Officer Schneiderman, will allow for the Sea Cadet Corps to improve existing structures

on the Long Island Maritime Museum property that would make the program better equipped to take on additional cadets. Cadet officials, who are actively fundraising for the upgrades, say that the expansions will provide needed space for training and education, while also adding to the culture of the Museum by creating a public exhibit dedicated to the Navy Seals, the first of its kind in the Northeast.

“This partnership is an excellent opportunity to recognize a hero from our community. Not only is it a way to add an exciting new component to our Maritime Museum, but it also provides space for our young people interested in learning more about the armed forces,” stated Legislator Rob Calarco. “This partnership is a positive win for the museum, the community and our local future veterans.”

“It was an honor to attend the resolution signing with the Lt. Michael Murphy Sea Cadets and the Murphy family,” stated Legislator Kevin McCaffrey. “I look forward to coming back and seeing the improvements the Sea Cadets will make to honor the memory of Lt Michael Murphy.”

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