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BARRAGA: NEWS FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT **BARRAGA SUPPORTS 4-H HERO PACKS PROGRAM**



Shown L-R; Vito A. Minei, P.E. Executive Director Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County; Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip); Vicki Fleming 4-H Youth Development Director/Farm Administrator Cornell Cooperative of SC and Judi Lach Veeck Public Affairs and Development Director Cornell Cooperative Extension of SC.

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) was recently honored by Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County for his support of their “Hero Packs Program”. To celebrate their 75th Anniversary Suffolk County 4-H Youth Program participated in a service project, Operation: Military Kids for the year 2011. In keeping with their pledge to use their “hands to larger service” 4-H members and volunteers throughout Suffolk County learned how to sew and make drawstring backpacks to fill and donate to children of deployed soldiers. The “Hero Packs” were filled with handwritten letters from 4-H members along with a journal, toy, doll, or a stuffed animal. The Hero Packs served as an expression of support for local military families. For further information on upcoming events and programs please visit their website at www.ccesuffolk.org.