

## PRESENTATION OF CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAG

I had the pleasure of visiting Meadow Drive School in June, alongside Assemblyman Daniel Norber and Principal Jennie Fahey, to visit second-grade students and present the school with an American flag that was flown over the State Capitol in Albany. Although the visit was rescheduled from the traditional Flag Day observance due to legislative commitments, the message and meaning behind the occasion remained front and center. Students learned about the history of Flag Day, the significance of the American flag, and the proper etiquette for handling and displaying it.



## ANNUAL VETERANS PICNIC

More than 100 veterans and their guests from the 19th Assembly District were welcomed to my annual Patriotic Picnic in August at VFW Post 2718 for complimentary food and community camaraderie. Thank you to VFW Post 2718, Boy Scout Troop 93, the Long Island Young Marines, and the Bar-B-Que Boyz for helping make the day so special, and many of my colleagues in government who joined me in thanking our hometown heroes for their service to our Nation. Spending the afternoon with our veterans is one of the most rewarding traditions of the year. Our community is strongest when we stand together, and this picnic is a perfect example of that.

## JOIN THE VETERANS PORTRAIT PROJECT!

Every year, I invite local veterans to share their stories with students for our annual Veterans Portrait Project. The completed portraits and biographies will be displayed at the Long Island Children's Museum on Veterans Day. Please contact my district office for more details and to register: (516) 535-4095 or [buckm@nyassembly.gov](mailto:buckm@nyassembly.gov)







# **RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

I was happy to present the Assemblyman James D. Conte Memorial Academic Scholarship—through the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators—to New Hyde Park Memorial High School senior and Class of 2025 valedictorian Marco Valle. Marco's remarkable record of achievement and service includes leadership roles in student government, the school newspaper and Model United Nations, as well as earning the rank of Eagle Scout. With a GPA of 102.85 and a passion for public service, Marco represents the best of our community's future leaders. Congratulations, Marco, on this well-deserved honor!



# **SEVENTH ANNUAL VIDEO CHALLENGE**

A big thank-you to West Hempstead Secondary School for taking part in my 2025 Video Challenge! This year's theme, "Dear Freshman Me," asked students to reflect on their own high school experiences and share advice to help future freshmen transition smoothly, worry less, achieve more and feel confident. Hindsight truly is 20/20. Congratulations to the winning team: Steve Parada, Emilio Diaz, Camilo Gil, and Kevin Tator.



***Check out the video here!***





## THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW

I hosted my sixth annual "There Ought to Be a Law" ceremony at Mineola High School, where I recognized 24 semi-finalists selected from 483 entries submitted by fifth-grade students across seven of our local schools. Congratulations to this year's winner, Owen Isenberg of Mineola Middle School! His idea to require free CPR and first-aid training for all youth athletes is a thoughtful and important way to help keep kids safe. I'm proud of all the students who took the time to engage with the legislative process and share their ideas. Their creativity and civic awareness never fail to impress me.



## VALENTINE'S TO VETS

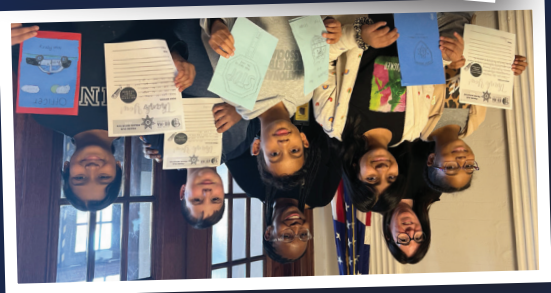
This year's Valentine's for Veterans program brought together the Mineola School District, Mineola Memorial Library and Hillside Public Library to honor our local veterans. Students contributed more than 1,000 handmade Valentine's Day cards, along with essential personal care items. The cards and supplies were delivered to the Long Island State Veterans Home and the Northport VA to show appreciation for the service and sacrifices of our veterans. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated!





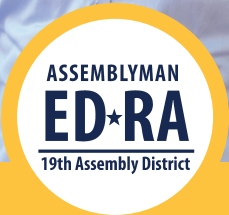
I was proud to once again recognize Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in New York with my annual Praise Our Police program. The initiative invites schools from across the 19th Assembly District to create cards, posters and letters for our local officers. These small gestures of kindness go a long way in showing our respect and gratitude for the brave men and women who keep our communities safe. Thank you to every officer here in Nassau County and across the state—you dedication and service are deeply valued and never taken for granted.

## PRAISE OUR POLICE PROGRAM



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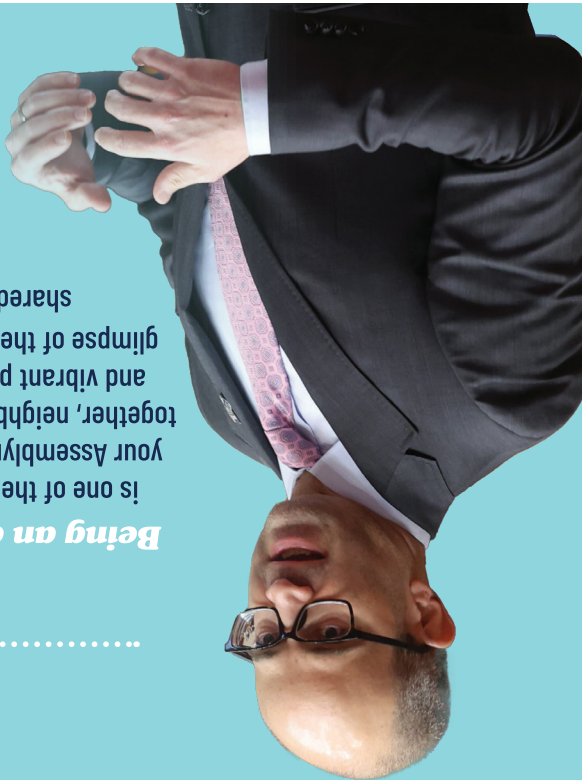
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## Assemblyman Ed Ra's 2025 COMMUNITY UPDATE

*Being an active part of our community* is one of the most rewarding responsibilities I have as your Assemblyman. Time and again, I've seen how working together, neighbor to neighbor, makes our district the strong and vibrant place it is. Inside this brochure, you'll find a glimpse of the projects, celebrations and initiatives we've shared and accomplished so far this year.

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