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New York Wing, Civil Air Patrol honored by NY Assembly, Senate

Albany, NY-- On Tuesday, March 21st 2017 the New York State Assembly and Senate passed a joint legislative resolution commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Civil Air Patrol, and its service to the residents of NY State. The resolution was introduced by Assemblywoman Lupardo in the Assembly and by Senator Thomas Croci in the Senate.

New York Wing Commander Colonel Tom Carello, Chief of Staff Lieutenant Colonel John Jones, and Public Affairs Officer Major Robert Ellwood, CAP were on hand to accept the resolution.

"I was honored to introduce this resolution in the Assembly honoring the Civil Air Patrol's 75th anniversary," said Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, who is an honorary Major in CAP's Legislative Squadron. "From assisting in emergency and disaster relief to aerospace education, the Civil Air Patrol has played an important role in the community since its inception in 1941. Just last week, CAP members volunteered their time to help with cleanup from the historic winter storm. We are lucky to have such invaluable dedication from this group." said Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo.

"I am proud and honored to recognize those organizations who selflessly dedicate their services to protecting our country and improving the health and wellbeing of communities throughout New York State and our nation. The Civil Air Patrol, founded by citizens committed to helping bolster the nation's defense in our time of need, has set itself apart through its emergency mission work, such as assisting rescuers and state agencies following the September 11th terrorist attacks, supporting hurricane relief efforts, and aiding communities during natural disasters. I am proud to join my colleagues throughout the entire New York State Legislature in celebrating the vast accomplishments of the Civil Air Patrol and congratulating them on 75 years of exceptional service to the American people." said Senator Tom Croci.

With 67 squadrons and over 2,300 youth and adult members, New York Wing, Civil Air Patrol continues to serve in "Missions for America". In 2016 members of New York Wing were tasked



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with 11 search and rescue missions and 5 other state support missions. New York Wing flew more than 2,450 hours contributing over \$7.7 million dollars in volunteer man hours for NY State.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force, which consists of regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, along with Air Force retired military and civilian employees. CAP, in its Total Force role, operates a fleet of 550 aircraft and performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 78 lives annually. Civil Air Patrol's 56,000 members nationwide also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Its members additionally play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 24,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. Performing missions for America for the past 75 years, CAP received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014 in honor of the heroic efforts of its World War II veterans. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.



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