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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONERS GILL & LUCIANO
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(a)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 2-29 (B)

COMMENDATION

HONORING MICHAEL FLETCHER
HONOREE OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA
MICHAEL L. DELAHUNTY DIVISION 9 OF MONTCLAIR

WHEREAS, Michael Fletcher will be honored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America (A.O.H.), Michael L. Delahunty Division 9 of Montclair, on the occasion of the organization's 123rd Anniversary St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner and Dance to be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at The Wilshire Grand Hotel in West Orange, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Michael Fletcher's Irish roots come from his late father Lawrence (Bootsie) Fletcher of Montclair and his parents Lawrence and Rose (née Dockery). He is the fourth born of six children to Bootsie and JoAnne (née Ruggiero); Lynn, Leisa, Larry, Richard, and Angela. He is married to Mary Terese (née Hansen) and is the proud father of two daughters, Elizabeth Rose and Mary-Margaret, and grandfather to Claire; and

WHEREAS, Michael Fletcher attended the Montclair Public School system, St. Cassian's Middle School, Immaculate Conception High School Class of 1983, and the Community College of the Air Force. Immediately after graduating high school, he enlisted in the US Air Force as a Security Policeman, completing Basic, Security Police, Air Base Ground Defense and Machine Gun training. He served in the US Air Force and the Reserves from 1983 until 1998. He was called to active duty in 1991 in support of Operation Desert Storm where he served stateside providing flight line security at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. He received an honorable discharge in 1998 at the rank of Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Michael Fletcher began the process of re-enlisting in the military. After a lengthy screening process and a reduction in rank, he was allowed to re-enlist into the US Air Force as a Technical Sergeant in the Security Forces. Since that re-enlistment, he was called to Active Duty on six occasions: 2005 he was activated and deployed to Kelly Air Base, Texas, for Joint Task Force Katrina; 2006 he was activated and deployed to Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan; 2009 he was called to active duty at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey; 2010 he was activated and deployed to Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan; 2012 he was activated and deployed to Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan; 2021 he was activated for the last time, called to active duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he served in the Joint Operations Center with US Army North and 4th Air Force for Operations Allies Rescue and Allies Welcome, closing the war in Afghanistan. He retired from the US Air Force in 2022 as a Reservist at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Michael Fletcher is the past National Chairman for the Veteran's Advisory Board of Verizon, and currently, he is an active member in Dreams Can Happen, a non-profit LLC that raises and distributes cash to those in need. He is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as an active member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Michael Fletcher's military decorations include; Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal (2 devices), National Defense Service Medal (1 device), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 devices), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (1 device), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NATO Medal Non-Article 5 Medal (2 devices) and the German Army (Bundeswehr) Schützenschnur Gold Klasse; and

WHEREAS, Michael Fletcher is employed by US Customs and Border Protection under the Department of Homeland Security, prior to that he worked at New Jersey Bell, Bell Atlantic and Verizon, from which he retired in 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends Michael Fletcher for being honored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, Michael L. Delahunty Division 9 of Montclair; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Michael Fletcher.

Michael J. Richardson

Approved as to form and legality _____

Commissioner Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner _____

Second by Commissioner _____

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No.	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					MERCADO				
GILL					POMARES, V.P.				
GRAHAM					SEBOLD				
JOHNSON									
LUCLANO					RICHARDSON, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Wayne L. Richardson, President