

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 594

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF \$5,911.47 IN FUNDS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MOTHER'S GARDEN IN LANDIS PARK HONORING MOTHERS WHO LOST THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY AND FREEDOMS.

WHEREAS, on May 30, 1920, the City of Vineland dedicated to the mothers of Vineland's men and women who went to war to protect the United States of America and other nations a garden created by Vinelander Wilbert H. Fenton called the Mother's Garden of Remembrance who stated "While our boys were at war, Vineland mothers waged a silent, courageous warfare, what they endured none but a mother can know; and

WHEREAS, at each annual patriotic observance, it was customary for people to visit the Mothers Garden and reflect on the sacrifice of Vineland Mothers whose sons and daughters made the ultimate sacrifice, commonly referred to as Gold Star Mothers; and

WHEREAS, over the last 100 years, the Mothers Garden fell into disrepair and its purpose was forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Al Vargas, a military veteran, sought the assistance of Stephen Lewis, also a military veteran, to reconstruct the Mothers Garden and many Vinelanders came to the aid of Vargas and Lewis and provided generous donations of funds and equipment dedicated to the cause in the amount of \$5,911.47; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds it necessary to recognize those people making donations towards the reconstruction of the Mothers Garden and those people are Stephen A. and Mary H Lewis, Richard Westergaard, Margaret A. Lopez, Phillip L. Cornwell, Stuart M and CFP Robin M. Cohen, The Medio Law Firm, Matt Jordan and Councilman Al Vargas; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that such a generous gesture should be recognized and publicized.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the generous donations from Stephen A. and Mary H Lewis, Richard Westergaard, Margaret A. Lopez, Phillip L. Cornwell, Stuart M. and CFP Robin M. Cohen, The Medio Law Firm, Matt Jordan and Councilman Al Vargas are hereby graciously accepted and recognized.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk