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BISHOP HONORS MILLER PLACE MEDAL OF VALOR WINNER

Presents Svihovec with Congressional Commendation

Coram, NY: Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) honored local hero Eric Svihovec with a Congressional Certificate of Commendation. Svihovec, a volunteer in the Miller Place Fire Department was honored as one of just five recipients nationally of the Department of Justice's Medal of Valor.

Svihovec was honored for his heroism on the night of July 1, 2001, when he rescued Emily Wardell and her infant daughter Olivia after their car plunged into Mount Sinai Harbor. Despite winds in excess of 30 miles per hour and heavy downpour, which had reduced visibility to almost nothing, he made three underwater attempts to save Olivia's life.

"You have exhibited bravery and courage to which you deserve nothing less than our deepest gratitude and appreciation," Bishop said to Svihovec. "You risked your well being for the sake of others. I know of no greater selfless deed. And not only did you risk your life on this one occasion, but you protect our communities each and every day as a volunteer firefighter with the Miller Place Fire Department."

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