

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 126

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARIO ANTONIO ROMERO.

WHEREAS, Vineland native Mario Antonio Romero attended Vineland public schools, graduating from Vineland High School in 2002, where he earned three varsity letters as a student-athlete in cross country, swimming and track; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school he attended Rowan University briefly before joining the elite U.S. Navy SEAL team; and

WHEREAS, he studied astrophysics and astronomy at San Diego Mesa College, then transferred to Columbia University earning a bachelor's degree in Pure Math and Astrophysics; and

WHEREAS, Mario was employed by NASA as an astronaut trainer, and earned his Masters of Science degree from the University of Houston – Clear Lake campus, in Systems Engineering; and

WHEREAS, since 2022, he worked for Intuitive Machines Aerospace in Houston, Texas, as a member of the team that utilized a Space X Falcon 9 rocket to land the company's Nova-C class Lunar IM-1 Lander. The “Odysseus” was the first U.S. lunar landing since 1972, with two additional missions planned by the end of 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vineland, New Jersey, commends Mario Antonio Romero for his service to our country as a Navy SEAL and a NASA astronaut trainer, and for his educational and vocational accomplishments that are truly “out of this world!” We extend best wishes to him in all his future endeavors.

Adopted: March 26, 2024

ATTEST:

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Council President

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Deputy Municipal Clerk

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