Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico Attend Groundbreaking of New Home for Double Amputee Veteran in Manorville

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Farmingville, NY - On July 18, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilman Dan Panico (second from right) attended the groundbreaking for the future Manorville home of US Marine Sgt. Luis Remache (second from left) and his wife Cynthia (third from left). The home is being built by the national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization Homes for Our Troops (HFOT) on property that was given to the Town of Brookhaven by Suffolk County under the 72h Affordable Housing Program and then transferred to HFOT. It will accommodate Sgt. Remache, who is a double amputee as a result of a grenade blast while serving in Afghanistan in 2011. During the event, Supervisor Romaine presented a proclamation to Sgt. Remache on behalf of the Brookhaven Town Board.

Supervisor Romaine said, "So many veterans return home and need a helping hand to settle down and start a new life. For those who have severe injuries like Sgt. Remache, the transition is even more difficult. Thanks to Homes for Our Troops, his dream home will soon become a reality. I salute him and all veterans who have served our country for the sacrifices they have made in the name of freedom."

"May God bless Sgt. Remache and his wife Cynthia for all that they have done and given in sacrifice for our country," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "We must all join together to meet the needs of our veterans, for the protection that they provide allow us to remain free."

Homes for Our Troops (HFOT) was founded in 2004 and is strongly committed to building specially adapted homes for the over 1,700 Service Members nationwide who have returned home with life-altering injuries post 9/11. They assist veterans and their families by raising money, and providing building materials and professional labor to coordinate the construction of a home that provides maximum freedom of movement and the ability to live more independently. HFOT provides these homes at no cost to the Veterans we serve.

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