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COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE FRANK CUESTA HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS JEFFERSON AWARD

ELIZABETH, NJ— June 6, 2018— Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and the City of Elizabeth are proud to announce that Councilman-At-Large Frank Cuesta was selected as an Honoree for the 2018 New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards.

"Councilman Cuesta's recognition is based on his dedication and commitment to public service and I could not think of anyone more deserving of this award," said Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. "A dedicated Councilman for over seventeen (17) years, he not only serves the residents of Elizabeth but also devotes his time in helping students achieve their higher education aspirations by running the non-profit organization the Elizabeth Promise Awards."

Councilman Cuesta was recognized along with other winners at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2nd, during a ceremony at the War Memorial in Trenton. His recognition is based on the description of extraordinary volunteer/public service submitted by Karen Cuesta and two other individuals Anthony Nufrio, Jr., a retired English teacher and Teresa Alvarez Parisi, an elementary teacher in Elizabeth.

"Through his visionary leadership, he strives to enhance the academic lives of the students of Elizabeth," said Teresa Alvarez Parisi. "He is the type of leader that motivates and promotes greatness and reliability. He has great respect for our youth and the obstacles of their unmet needs."

New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards are given in 22 categories of volunteer service. The awards are also the official recognition program of the Governor's Advisory Council on Volunteerism, administered by a partnership that includes the New Jersey Office of Volunteerism, NJ Advance Media, the Community Foundation of New Jersey and corporate sponsors.

"I am extremely proud of receiving the prestigious NJ Governor's Jefferson Award based on my volunteer work with Elizabeth's Promise Awards," said Councilman Frank Cuesta. "This recognition not only inspires me to work even harder but it also humbles me because I did not do it alone. Numerous individuals, year after year, helped me with this scholarship program, so I would like to share this award with each and every one of them."

For more information on the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards <http://www.njgovernorsawards.com>.