



COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2020, Mr. Michael Babiak was at home playing soccer with his family in the yard when he noticed police activity headed towards his direction and into a residential neighborhood. Mr. Babiak and his family were instructed to go back into their home by Master Corporal Ian Thompson, but Mr. Babiak misheard Master Corporal Thompson. With a rapidly evolving situation and little time to consider his options, Mr. Babiak moved in on the suspect's path of travel; and

WHEREAS, the suspect slowed and turned toward Master Corporal Thompson and displayed a weapon from his jacket. At that time, Mr. Babiak, unaware of the weapon, tackled the suspect, knocking the weapon from the suspect's hand, and then held the suspect in a bear hug until the Police Officers were able to take the suspect into custody without further incident; and

WHEREAS, Master Corporal Thompson is extremely grateful for Mr. Babiak's bravery and disregard for his own safety, which may have saved Master Corporal Thompson's life and surely averted a number of potentially tragic outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the heroic actions of Mr. Michael Babiak were a tremendous assist in a difficult arrest that could have had an extremely different outcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council award Mr. Michael Babiak the City of Dover Silver Medal in recognition of his heroic actions and direct the City Clerk to make this resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover.

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 22, 2021

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
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WILLIAM F. HARE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT