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For Immediate Release:

New Jersey State Trooper Dies After More Than Three Decades of Suffering from his in the Line of Duty Injuries

*The 200 Club of Monmouth County Assists his Family with
\$10,000 to Help Cover Funeral Expenses*

Hazlet, NJ, November 22, 2018 – A \$10,000 check was presented this Thanksgiving to the widow of New Jersey State Trooper Joseph O. Erb at her home in Hazlet. Trooper Erb #4049, of the NJSP 102nd Class, was severely injured in a 1987 crash while on a midnight patrol of the Garden State Parkway in Monmouth County.

“Trooper Erb was involved in a tremendously tragic event and suffered for decades before he passed away earlier this month. Helping his family cover funeral expenses is the least we can do,” said 200 Club of Monmouth County President Kim Guadagno.

Guadagno---along with Bob Honecker, 200 Club of Monmouth County Vice President, and Benjamin Lucarelli, 200 Club of Monmouth County Treasurer--- personally delivered the \$10,000 check to Trooper Erb’s widow Donna and daughter Julie. Erb is also survived by two additional children, Joseph Jr. and Brittany.

“Those of us who carry the honor and privilege of a NJSP badge number can never stop looking out for each other. On behalf of the family and our law enforcement community, I would like to thank the 200 Club of Monmouth County for generously providing assistance to our fallen brother's wife and children,” said Al Della Fave, a friend of the family and retired New Jersey State Trooper who requested this assistance for the Erbs. Della Fave was also present for the check delivery.

Trooper Erb’s partner fell asleep while operating their marked trooper car and drove off the road striking a guide rail on the passenger side of the vehicle. The guide rail penetrated the interior of the car striking Trooper Erb in the chest and face causing injuries that could have taken his life that night. Trooper Erb miraculously survived the crash, but he was left disfigured and initially uncertain how long he could live in

such a condition.

Since that day, Trooper Erb courageously fought horrific physical ailments and battled through dozens of surgeries to rebuild his face and to try to reverse crash related injuries. For more than 30 years, he battled severe migraine headaches, convulsions, bodily pain, and depression that robbed him of his future and so many special family moments. The endless physical pain and side effects from the operations left him with no employment opportunities and mounting financial burden. He died on November 8, 2018.

The 200 Club was founded by Bill Wingard and other philanthropic Monmouth County businessmen in 1987 when each pledged an annual donation of \$200. The 200 Club is dedicated to providing financial assistance to the families of our public safety and rescue personnel who have been killed or injured in the line of duty. This includes, but is not limited to, police officers, firefighters, first aid and EMT technicians of Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Community support allows the 200 Club of Monmouth County to continue the mission of supporting our public safety personnel and their families in times of line of duty loss. The organization is governed by officers who serve a two-year term and a Board of Trustees. It is a 501(c)3 charitable organization with about 1000 members. To make a donation or to become a member, please visit our website at www.monmouth200club.com.

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