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Legislator Cilmi Honors 6 East Islip Children



Legislator Cilmi presented certificates to six 4th graders from East Islip for their efforts in raising more than \$1,250 for the EJ Autism Foundation.

Emily Blair and Joy Petersen conceived the idea to loom bracelets and sell them to family, friends and neighbors and called it "EJ (Emily and Joy) for EJ Autism." They were able to recruit four friends to lend a helping hand: Caleigh DiBeneditto, Robert Finn, Joseph Zimmitti and Dylan Baranek. Working during recess and at night they loomed over a 150 bracelets, all of which were sold in little less than a month.

Cilmi said, "When the children of our community teach us lessons in leadership and generosity, it's particularly special. These six kids did a wonderful thing."

After the presentation in his office, Cilmi challenged them to continue and expand their efforts.
