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Beloved APD + AUSD School Resource Officer Officer Emmanuel Araneta Leaves Strong Legacy

April 12, 2019, Alhambra, CA — The community joined together on April 12, 2019, to honor and say goodbye to beloved Alhambra Police Officer and AUSD School Resource Officer Emmanuel “Manny” Araneta. In the San Gabriel Valley and the city of Alhambra, as well as among his fellow APD officers, his colleagues at AUSD and to students and families, Officer Araneta was a hero known for his mental health advocacy and dedication to the community.

Nationally recognized for his work, in 2017, in Washington D. C., Officer Araneta was awarded the NASRO_School Resource Officer of the Year for his pioneering work for the AUSD Gateway to Success juvenile diversion program, the G.R.E.A.T. school safety program for elementary students, for teaching Gateway parent classes 30 weeks a year, and for initiating mental health education and prevention training for law enforcement. His legendary relationship-building prowess made everyone feel like they belonged and embodied the mental health skills he advocated.

Officer Araneta’s legacy is this: Understand that mental health is foundational to life success, and continual mental health education and prevention training is a lifeline for our children, for all of us.

His legacy reminds us to redouble our commitment to mental health education so we all know warning signs, action steps, coping skills, resources, and better ways to be resilient in hard times and how best to flourish. Officer Araneta believed that when everyone understands that help-seeking and help-giving are strengths, our children, our families, and our community thrive.

He is survived by his beautiful wife Michelle and their three wonderful children. Condolences and tributes may be sent in care of the Alhambra Police Department, 211 S. 1st Street, Alhambra, CA 91801.

Alhambra Police Officer and AUSD School Resource Officer Emmanuel “Manny” Araneta was awarded the 2017 NASRO School Resource Officer of the Year for his student and family mental health advocacy. His legacy will live on in the district and the community in redoubled commitment to mental health education.

