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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Nassau County Police Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf, on March 12, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and to the residents of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of Nassau County Police Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf, who made the ultimate sacrifice on March 12, 2011, while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion, and who devoted his purposeful life and career to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished Nassau County Police Officer, Geoffrey J. Breitkopf exemplified what it truly means to give of himself in providing vital police services in keeping with the noble mission of the Nassau County Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey J. Breitkopf, a 40 year-old resident of Selden, New York, and a 12-year veteran of the department, died in the line of duty on March 12, 2011; a model Police Officer, he was assigned to the elite Bureau of Special Operations Unit in 2003; and

WHEREAS, He also dedicated his time and energies to his community; Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf was a 14-year member of the Heavy Rescue Company No. 4, Selden Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, A great family man who was well-loved and respected, Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf is survived by his wife, Paula Cunningham Breitkopf; two sons, Connor and Owen; his parents, Jeffrey and Patricia Breitkopf; one brother, Kevin; parents-in-law, William and Dolores Cunningham; and brother and sisters-in-law, John, Janet, Theresa and Donna, as well as many nieces and nephews; in addition, he was predeceased by his brother, Heath; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Nassau County Police Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf leaves

behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Nassau County Police Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State and expressing its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf.