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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Long Beach Police Department

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of community life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is moved to honor those who preserve and protect such values, lauding particularly their unwavering courage and dedication in the daily performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Long Beach Police Department upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, a truly auspicious milestone which will be observed on May 30, 2011, following the Long Beach Veterans Memorial Day Parade, an annual community event in which the participation of the Long Beach Police Department is one of its finest traditions; and

WHEREAS, The City of Long Beach, New York, a community of more than 35,000 residents in Nassau County, has been most ably served by the Long Beach Police Department since its establishment in 1911, even before Long Beach was chartered as a City in 1922; and

WHEREAS, During the time when horseback riding was commonplace and fashionable, the Long Beach Police Department had an outstanding Mounted Unit; the Department's Motorcycle Unit has also been an integral part of the history of the LBPD; disbanded in the early 1960s, it was revived in 2005 and is used for traffic enforcement and ceremonial details and history was made in 2008 when a Marine Unit was for the first time created for the Long Beach Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Since 1911 the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) has been one of the finest continuing law enforcement agencies in Nassau County; it is a modern, professional, full service Department dedicated to

providing intelligent, sincere, efficient and courteous service to the citizens of Long Beach through the use of community policing and working in partnership with citizens to serve the needs of the community; and WHEREAS, The Long Beach Police Department is a diversified force; in addition to the Uniformed Patrol Force, the Department has the following specialized units: Detective Division, Narcotics Task Force, Street Crimes Unit, Traffic Division, Motorcycle Unit and Identification Division as well as an active cadre of dedicated civilian employees who provide support and special services such as Clerical Staff, Parking Enforcement and School Crossings; and

WHEREAS, During the summer, Long Beach Police Department's busiest months, Special Officers are recruited from Criminal Justice Programs at local colleges to assist with crowd control and enforcement at the Ocean Beach Park and other areas and the Department actively employs Bicycle Patrols on the Boardwalk and in the West End and Four Wheel Drive vehicles patrol on the beach; and

WHEREAS, Today as the Long Beach Police Department observes the milestone of its 100th Anniversary, the men and women of the Long Beach Police Department remain committed to providing the highest level of professional service to all residents and visitors to their beautiful City by the Sea; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have the opportunity, on this auspicious occasion, to recognize and commend the Long Beach Police Department, its leaders, officers and members, past and present, applauding and honoring them for the integrity, professionalism and exemplary public service which are the hallmark and enduring tradition of the LBPD; and

WHEREAS, At this time of celebration it is also important to note that this great achievement has been accomplished as a result of the great sacrifice, resolve and dedication of all the members of the Long Beach Police Department, not only its current officers and members, but also

those that have gone before, those that have been relentless in their service and sacrifice, those that have upheld the tradition of the Long Beach Police Department and to acknowledge and applaud the service of each and every one of them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Long Beach Police Department, paying tribute to the Department for a century of selfless dedication, devotion and commitment of the highest caliber in providing service, public safety and law enforcement to the residents and visitors of the City of Long Beach, the County of Nassau and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Long Beach Police Department, Long Beach, New York.