

## **2011-K1458**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chief Robert J. Kwiatkowski upon the occasion of his retirement from the Woodbury Police Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chief Robert J. Kwiatkowski upon the occasion of his retirement from the Woodbury Police Department; he will officially retire on July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Central Valley, Robert J. Kwiatkowski attended the Monroe-Woodbury School District and graduated in June 1966; and

WHEREAS, Later that summer, Robert J. Kwiatkowski enlisted in the United States Army, honorably serving his country during two tours in Vietnam-Indochina, rising to the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Kwiatkowski received many honorable medals for his service to his country including National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Parachute Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/dev 60, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning home, Robert J. Kwiatkowski became a Police Officer with the Town of Woodbury Police Department on January 10, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Kwiatkowski was promoted to Sergeant in August of 1986, and rose to the rank of Chief of Police in April of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robert J. Kwiatkowski hired many officers and dispatchers, and promoted many Investigators, Sergeants and Lieutenants; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Chief Robert J. Kwiatkowski led the department

into the 21st Century with new computer technology and many modern law enforcement advancements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Chief Robert J. Kwiatkowski upon the occasion of his retirement from the Woodbury Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Robert J. Kwiatkowski.