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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to Nassau County Police Officers Robert Ryan and John Lutz as they are honored by the Five Towns Kiwanis Club on April 11, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor the distinguished officers and citizens who 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 pay tribute to Nassau County Police Department 4th Precinct Police Officers Robert Ryan and John Lutz as they are honored by the Five Towns Kiwanis Club at its annual Police Officer Night to be held at the Mezzanotte Restaurant in Cedarhurst, New York, on Thursday, April 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Police Officers Robert Ryan, Shield 1126, and John Lutz, Shield 2524 were, last year, in 2012, instrumental in arresting an individual who was storing a large cache of weapons in a Woodmere, New York home; and

WHEREAS, Officers John Lutz and Robert Ryan responded to the call that an alarm was sounding on Narrow Lane in Woodmere and found a handgun and two grenades in plain view in the house; and

WHEREAS, Marc Ringel, who was found to have 120 guns, several grenades, chemicals used to make explosives, boxes of ammunition, and what police described as an "extensive amount of marijuana," pleaded not guilty to firearms, weapons possession and reckless endangerment charges and was held without bail; and

WHEREAS, The officers found Marc Ringel to be nervous and he had no identification on him; when Police Officers Robert Ryan and John Lutz opened the door to the house to verify Marc Ringel's identity there was a strong smell of marijuana; they saw a handgun and there were also two

grenades in plain view; and

WHEREAS, Marc Ringel attempted to push the officers out of the door of the house; however, they gained control of the situation and called for assistance; the authorities obtained a search warrant, and Nassau County police, ATF and FBI officers found guns of all sizes and calibers scattered throughout the house owned by Marc Ringel's parents as well as chemicals used to make explosive devices, including pipe bombs; and WHEREAS, An area of 20 houses were evacuated as a precautionary measure and the residents of those homes were later permitted to return to their homes; and

WHEREAS, Police said safety was an issue as the arms and other materials were scattered throughout the house and, they were unsure if the home was booby-trapped; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the law enforcement agents discovered a shallow pit with a wire which spanned from the pit to the house, which they think, was used to test explosives; the munitions were believed to be live and the Nassau County Police Department Arson/Bomb Squad detonated them, noting there were enough explosives to level the home and the entire block; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that dedicated public servants, such as Nassau County Police Officers Robert Ryan and John Lutz, 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 pay tribute to Nassau County Police Officers Robert Ryan and John Lutz as they are honored by the Five Towns Kiwanis Club on April 11, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nassau County Police Officers Robert Ryan and John Lutz.