Lesko praised for bipartisan leadership, freezing taxes for three consecutive years

Farmingville, NY - On March 18, Supervisor Mark Lesko received an award for Man of the Year in Government for 2011 by The Times Beacon Record Newspapers. The ceremony, held at The Three Village Inn in Stony Brook, commended the Supervisor for his ability to reach across party lines to accomplish important goals during economically difficult times. In addition to his bipartisan efforts, Supervisor Lesko was also honored for his innovative economic development initiatives to spur job creation, including the Ronkonkoma Hub Transit-Oriented Development.

"It is a great honor to be named Man of the Year in Government by Times Beacon Record Newspapers," said Supervisor Lesko, "I am extremely proud of the work that we have done in the Town of Brookhaven to break down partisan walls and provide our residents with efficient government, while freezing taxes for three consecutive years. I look forward to continuing this work and maintaining a high quality of life for the residents in the Town."

Mark Lesko has served as Brookhaven Supervisor since March 2009 and has worked with his Deputy Supervisor and Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh to focus on stabilizing the Town's finances and furthering innovative projects.

Supervisor Lesko has froze taxes for three straight years and cut spending by over 26%. Independent bond rating agencies have affirmed the Town's credit rating eight times since 2009. One of Supervisor Lesko's most important priorities is to protect the wonderful quality of life enjoyed by Brookhaven residents, which is why he formed the Quality of Life Task Force to crack down on serial offenders of the Town code. Supervisor Lesko's economic development programs include Blight to Light, which provides incentives for the redevelopment of eyesore properties, and the Ronkonkoma Hub TOD, which he is working to turn into a live-work-play destination. In addition, Lesko also introduced the Accelerate Long Island program to create high-tech start-up companies from research conducted at Long Island institutions, which is now a Long Island-wide organization with the support of the Long Island Association, Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Hofstra University, and North Shore-LIJ Health System.
For more information, please visit Supervisor Lesko's page on the Town of Brookhaven website, located at http://brookhaven.org/supervisor.