Farmingville, NY - On June 11th, Supervisor Mark Lesko was named one of the 50 Most Influential People on Long Island at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Long Island Press "Powerlist," which names the past year's most influential Long Islanders. Supervisor Lesko was ranked number 23 on this year's list.

"I would like to thank the Long Island Press for the honor of being named to this prestigious list with so many great Long Islanders," said Supervisor Lesko, "I am proud of our efforts to improve the quality of life and introduce programs that will have a positive impact on the future of Long Island. We have accomplished this by bridging the partisan divides that previously plagued the Town. Through our continued cooperation with our residents and other elected officials, my administration will make sure that the Town of Brookhaven remains a fantastic place to work, live, and prosper for generations to come."

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%. As result of his proactive management of fiscal challenges, independent bond rating agencies have affirmed the Town's credit rating eight times since 2009.

Supervisor Lesko has focused on economic development projects and programs that will have a significant impact on our regional economy, including Blight to Light, which provides incentives for the redevelopment of eyesore properties. Lesko formed a partnership with the Town of Islip and is working with Suffolk County and the Town's Master Developer, Tritec, to redevelop the Ronkonkoma Hub into the preeminent transit-oriented development on the entire East Coast. He was also instrumental in the formation of Accelerate Long Island, an island-wide non-profit organization created to connect entrepreneurs with our world-class research institutions to create start-up companies. The Long Island Association, Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Hofstra University, North Shore-LIJ Health System, CA Technologies, the Rauch Foundation, Ernst & Young, and Canrock Ventures sit on the currently sit on the Board of Accelerate Long Island.

For more information, visit Supervisor Lesko's page on the Town of Brookhaven website, located at http://brookhaven.org/supervisor.