

**RESOLUTION NO. 588 -2011, TO RENAME THE
INTERSECTION OF CR 16 AND CR 93 AS "OFFICER ROBERT
HELMKE PLACE"**

WHEREAS, Robert Helmke was a Police Officer in the New York City Police Department for 12 years before his untimely death in July 2007; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service as an officer with the NYPD, Helmke served the United States as a Sergeant in the Air Force for seven years and as a Customs Inspector with Customs and Immigration Federal Law Enforcement for five years; and

WHEREAS, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks targeted occupants of the World Trade Center in New York City, a group that included many Suffolk County residents, and proximately caused the death of at least 178 Suffolk County residents, and further negatively impacted thousands of Suffolk County residents who work in, regularly travel to or have relatives and friends living in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Officer Helmke worked to ensure security at the World Trade Center site and morgue through March 2002; and

WHEREAS, Officer Helmke's exposure to toxins at Ground Zero directly caused the cancer which claimed his life; and

WHEREAS, his death was thus incurred in service to the residents of Suffolk County, among others, who were killed as a result of or otherwise affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks and the following rescue and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary sacrifice, Officer Helmke was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by New York City Police Commissioner Kelly and Mayor Bloomberg, as well as the Valor in Service Medal by the New York State Shields; and

WHEREAS, Officer Helmke lived in Hauppauge with his family prior to his passing, and inspired by his service, Office Helmke's wife and children, also Hauppauge residents, are active members of the 9/11 Responders Remembered Committee, which is undertaking the creation of the nation's first 9/11 Responders Park and Monument, which will be located in Suffolk County, to honor the memory of Helmke and his fellow 9/11 responders; and

WHEREAS, the intersection to be named in Officer Helmke's honor is located adjacent to the site of the in-development 9/11 Responders Remembered Park and Monument; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Smithtown is taking appropriate actions to name the Town-owned portion of this intersection (Gibbs Pond Road) in honor of Officer Helmke in cooperation with the County; and

WHEREAS, it is an honor and a privilege for Suffolk County to honor Officer Robert Helmke for his selfless acts of heroism in protecting the community and serving the United States; now, therefore be it

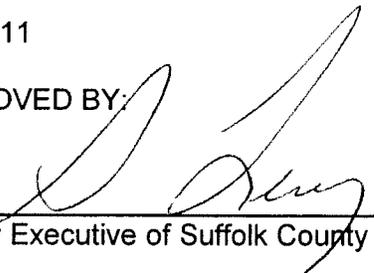
1st RESOLVED, the intersection of CR 16 and CR 93 is hereby renamed the "Officer Robert Helmke Place" to honor a person who was dedicated to public service and sacrificed his health to protect the public; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, pursuant to Section 8-2(W) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, to take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate this naming and dedication; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: August 2, 2011

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date:

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SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on Aug 2,2011 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

Intro. Res.

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Res. No.

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August 2, 2011

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Vilorio-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE					
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN					
3	Kate M. BROWNING					
4	Thomas MURATORE					
6	Sarah S. ANKER					
7	Jack EDDINGTON					
9	Ricardo MONTANO					
10	Thomas CILMI					
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA					
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.					
13	Lynne C. NOWICK					
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY					
15	DuWayne GREGORY					
16	Steven H. STERN					
17	Lou D'AMARO					
18	Jon COOPER					
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.					
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.					
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No Motion _____ No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED
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<input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature