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# **Lindsay Ties Record as Legislature's Longest Serving Presiding Officer**

**HAUPPAUGE, NY, JANUARY 3, 2012** – Eighth District Legislator William J. Lindsay ties the record for the longest serving Presiding Officer in the history of the Suffolk County Legislature when he was elected to serve his seventh term at the Legislature's organizational meeting January 3. Donald Blydenburgh served for seven years as Presiding Officer in the 1990s.

"It is a great honor to serve as the Presiding Officer of what I consider the preeminent legislative body in New York State," said PO Lindsay. "During my tenure we have worked in a bipartisan manner to put the interests of Suffolk County residents first and foremost and we have avoided the petty political squabbling that has plagued other governments, from Nassau, to Albany, to Washington. I am confident that our bipartisan cooperation will continue in this New Year, which will be one of the most difficult Suffolk County has ever faced."

"I look forward to working cooperatively with Presiding Officer Lindsay and the entire Legislature to tackle the tremendous challenges we face in Suffolk County," said newly-elected County Executive Steve Bellone. "Suffolk County is facing great challenges and we all need to work together to serve taxpayers. To every member of the Legislature who wants to find solutions to our common problems, I offer my hand."

"I look forward to working with Bill Lindsay, the 'Lion of the Legislature,' and being a part of the Lindsay team," said the new Deputy Presiding Officer, Legislator Wayne Horsley.

"In all my years of serving in the Legislature, I must admit that Bill Lindsay is one of the hardest working legislators that has served Suffolk County," said 13<sup>th</sup> district County Legislator Lynne C. Nowick. "It is an absolute pleasure for me to work with him. He is an honest, fair and compassionate leader."