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LEGISLATOR KENNEDY CELEBRATES ROLLING THUNDER



(Pictured from Left to Right: Marcus Sanders, Rolling Thunder Founder Steve Cuomo, Christopher Kavanagh, Frank Anzaldi Jr. Coach Steve V. Cuomo, Legislator Kennedy, Daniel Van Nostrad in foreground, Comptroller John Kennedy in the background, Kesenya Pandolf and Katrina Wahl)

June 3, 2017 – Legislator Leslie Kennedy joined young athletes from the Rolling Thunder Athletics Team with Comptroller John Kennedy at the Nutty Irishman last night as part of the Thunder Bash community event. The event featured a buffet dinner, a Chinese auction, a bar and live entertainment provided by Cutting Edge DJ

Entertainment, and raised money to benefit the Rolling Thunder Special Needs Program, a nonprofit, free to join program which organizes events and races for intellectually or physically challenged special needs individuals on Long Island. Since its founding in 1998, the club's roster now includes over 200 developmentally challenged individuals a chance to meet peers and make friends through athletic. Legislator Kennedy met with some Rolling Thunder athletes, encouraging them to keep on keeping on in the face of adversity. "All of you are strong, stronger than most," the Legislator said, "for pushing on and pushing through in spite of all the difficulties you may face every day of your lives, and I'd like to thank everyone at the Nutty Irishman and Cutting Edge for making this chance to see all of you and hear about your goals, while raising funds to get you back to the Olympics for another win!"

The Rolling Thunder Special Needs Program is a non-profit (501c3) organization devoted to helping special needs individuals compete in mainstream athletic events on Long Island. Membership is free, and its coaches are all volunteers. If you know somebody who may be interested in joining or are interested in helping, please visit their website at <http://www.rtsnp.org/> or email them at nyinfo@rtsnp.org. For more information about this event or other events in the community, please call our office at (631)-854-3735 or log onto Legislator Kennedy's Facebook page at facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy.

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Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy represents the 12th Legislative District, encompassing Smithtown, Nesconset, Hauppauge, the Village of the Branch, Lake Grove, parts of Commack, Ronkonkoma, Lake Ronkonkoma and Centereach. Legislator Kennedy was born and raised on Long Island, is a former nurse and small business manager, and has dedicated her life towards the betterment of our community. She currently serves on the following Committees: Budget and Finance, Education and Human Services, Government Operations, Personnel, and Information Technology, Health, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Veterans