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Dear Friends,

Brooklyn has a time-honored tradition of recognizing those extraordinary individuals who are committed to upholding and enforcing the laws of our society, maintaining public safety and working to improve the quality of life in our communities. I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to Founder & Executive Director Joseph Occhipinti, President Jack Holder, the executive board, staff, and members of the National Police Defense Foundation as you gather for your 2010 Annual Awards Dinner, to benefit the "Operation Kids" program – a multifaceted child safety program that also arranges life-saving operations for critically ill children.

Brooklyn is founded upon the principles of community service and civic involvement, holding fast to the belief that the good of society depends on mutual compassion and neighborly love. It is only fitting that this office recognizes those distinguished individuals and organizations that put their own lives at risk on a daily basis so that our residents can live and work in peace and security while promote the inherent dignity and inalienable rights of all peoples. Tonight, we join with the National Police defense Fund HeartShare to recognize their 2010 honorees: Honorable Peter King, member of Congress; Honorable Kathleen M. Rice, district attorney of Nassau County; Detective John F. Bourges (Ret), New York City Police Department; Mr. Tony Navarro, president of the Orange County Shields; Mr. Shepherd Smith, host of Fox News Network's "The Fox Report"; and Mr. Michael Rosato, NPFD delegate.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I commend Executive Director Occhipinti and the National Police Defense Foundation for their unparalleled contributions to "our men in uniform" and the residents of New York. I congratulate the 2010 honorees as they are most justifiably paid tribute for their commitment, both professionally and personally, to the noble mission and work of this HeartShare. Finally, I thank everyone present for their outstanding efforts to help make Brooklyn and our city better places to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,



Marty Markowitz

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