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2011 POLICE COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Police Officer Thomas Lutz is a Police Officer for the Township of Bloomfield and was on duty on April 18th 2011 at 3AM; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 3AM Officer Lutz was performing his normal patrol duties in his assigned zone when he observed two vehicles traveling closely together, one with its lights out; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lutz attempted to approach the vehicles to investigate their activity and upon his approach to them they began to accelerate away from his marked patrol vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lutz then closed the distance on the vehicles getting close enough to radio their registrations to Central Communications for a record check and advise headquarters of his situation; and

WHEREAS, information on both vehicles came back as two felony vehicles with possession of handguns. Officer Lutz then activate his emergency lights and siren in an attempt to stop the two vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a motor vehicle pursuit began into East Orange and Newark and while in the City of Newark the felony vehicles split up into two different directions. Officer Lutz chose to pursue the felony Mercedes Benz and while in the City of Newark the Mercedes Benz lost control and crashed at Halsey Street; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lutz exited his patrol vehicle to effect an arrest on the suspect as the suspect simultaneously exited his vehicle and a foot pursuit began; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lutz notified headquarters of his location and actions while chasing the suspect on foot for four blocks without any back up officers at this point in time; and

AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

Blaine J. Stora
Director of Law-Township Attorney

WHEREAS, Officer Lutz ran down the suspect and ordered him to the ground at gun point and held him there until a back up officer arrived at the scene. Officer Lutz then handcuff the suspect and took him into custody; and

WHEREAS, due to the brave and professional actions of Officer Lutz, with total disregard to his personal safety, a vehicle was recovered that turned out to be a carjacked vehicle, two handguns were recovered in the street at the crash site and a dangerous felon was removed from the streets to be held accountable for his actions in a Court of Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that on behalf of the Mayor and Council, we do hereby commend and congratulate Bloomfield Police Officer Thomas Lutz on his dedication and determination toward his duties and commitment to the Citizens of the Township of Bloomfield as demonstrated on April 18th 2011; and

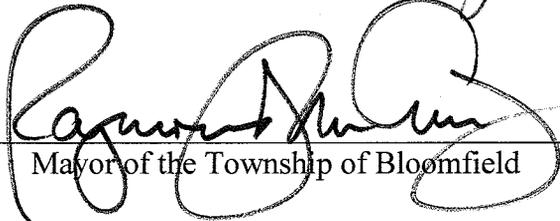
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting and that a certified copy hereby signed by the Mayor be presented to Bloomfield Police Officer Thomas Lutz on May 2nd 2011.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on May 2, 2011.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

ROLL CALL VOTE

MAYOR & COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN MALY	✓			
COUNCILMAN JOANOW	✓			
COUNCILMAN RUANE	✓			
COUNCILMAN VENEZIA	✓			
COUNCILWOMAN DUNIGAN	✓			
COUNCILMAN HAMILTON	✓			
MAYOR McCARTHY	✓			

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I hereby approve / disapprove of the passage of the attached Resolution.



Yoshi Manale
Township Administrator

If the Township Administrator disapproves of the attached resolution the reasons are as follows:

I hereby approve / disapprove of the passage of the attached resolution.



Chris Goul
Chief of Police

If the Department Head disapproves of the attached resolution the reasons are as follows: