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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring May Corrigan Kreider upon the occasion of her designation as the Grand Marshal of the 2010 Rockland County St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of true purpose and worthy accomplishment who work diligently to preserve and celebrate their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor May Corrigan Kreider upon the occasion of her designation as the Grand Marshal of the 2010 Rockland County St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, May Corrigan Kreider will be recognized at the annual Emerald Ball to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010, at the Sheraton Crossroads, Mahwah, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, May Corrigan Kreider was born in the South Bronx to Patrick and Molly Quegan Corrigan; her father was from Clareen, County Offaly, Ireland, while her mother was from Birr, County Offaly, Ireland; as a child, May and her father were frequent marchers in the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade and could always be found with the Offaly contingent; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Pelham Bay, New York, May Corrigan Kreider attended Our Lady of the Assumption and Villa Marie Academy; in 1971, she and her family moved to Pearl River, New York; and

WHEREAS, During her early years in Rockland County, May Corrigan Kreider joined Division 3 LAOH and in her spare time, she attended Rockland Community College (RCC), where she majored in nursing; after completing her studies at RCC, she went to Mercy College where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, May Corrigan Kreider was hired by Columbia Presbyterian Hospital; while at Columbia, she obtained her BSN degree as well as her MA at EU; at the time of her retirement, she was an Oncology Clinical Specialist and Head Nurse; and

WHEREAS, An active member of Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) Division 3, May Corrigan Kreider has participated in numerous events; she is the Chairperson of its annual Ascension Thursday Mass and Dinner and she also co-chairs the annual Fashion Show; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, May Corrigan Kreider has worked for many years on the Rockland County Feis and served on the Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day "Night at the Races"; she has made many trips with the ladies to St. Zita's Villa in Monsey and in 1997, she was chosen by the Ladies of Division 3 to be their Aide to the Grand Marshal of the Rockland County Parade; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her functions with the LAOH, May Corrigan Kreider is the Chairperson for United Hospice of Rockland's annual Marie Clark and Terry Cohn Golf Outing; she also delivers Meals on Wheels and volunteers at United Hospice of Rockland and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, May Corrigan Kreider is a proud member of the Pearl River Women's Club and a devoted parishioner of Saint Margaret of Antioch; when residing in Florida, she is very active in the Irish Community in the Villages; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her efforts of in-depth magnitude, May Corrigan Kreider has received numerous awards and accolades some of which include the Community Service Award from the AOH Men's Division 3 and the United Hospice of Rockland and Columbia Presbyterian as their Oncology Awards Specialist/Instructor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Robert, and their five children, as well as their eight grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, A Saint Patrick's Day parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and provides an opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the Rockland County St. Patrick's Day Parade, May Corrigan Kreider embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor May Corrigan Kreider upon the occasion of her designation as the Grand Marshal of the 2010 Rockland County St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to May Corrigan Kreider.