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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the City of Kingston's St. Patrick's Parade, to be held March 13, 2011

WHEREAS, Saint Patrick's Day is a time for people of all nationalities and generations to assemble and celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Irish people throughout the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the City of Kingston's St. Patrick's Parade, to be held Sunday, March 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, This parade would not be possible without the support and dedication of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Father Con Colbert Woulfe Division 1, and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 5, Ulster County, in cooperation with the City of Kingston who will celebrate their patron, St. Patrick, on this most festive day; and

WHEREAS, This year the Grand Marshal is Mr. Vince Voerg, an individual who has been involved with the promotion of Irish culture and the Kingston community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kathleen Mihm is the Mayor of the Day, and Ms. Reagan M. Riley is the Irish Princess; Ms. Mihm and Ms. Riley are also fully involved in promoting the Irish and serving their community; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is not, as many believe, a celebration of the Patron Saint of Ireland's birth, but of his death; and

WHEREAS, It was Pope Celestine I who named him Patricus, and sent him to Ireland where he tangled with the Druids over religious beliefs, and where his efforts to convert the Irish to the Catholic faith were untir-

ing, as seen today in the significant observance of God in Irish life;
and

WHEREAS, In every walk of life, in the arts, in the sciences, in the political world, in every manifestation of the human spirit, the Irish people have excelled; and

WHEREAS, No nation on earth has sent to the shores of America a people more spiritual than the Irish; throughout the ages, they have left their cares forgotten among the lilies; from the mode and texture of that endowment, the cathedrals and colleges of our nation were built, a heritage largely formed, our American character greatly forged; and

WHEREAS, Each year as we honor St. Patrick, whose life mirrored a deep and abiding example of the challenges of sainthood, we are mindful of the history of the Irish people and their struggle against oppression, religious intolerance and political, social and economic barriers; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish Culture and its fine traditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the City of Kingston's St. Patrick's Parade, to be held March 13, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the City of Kingston's St. Patrick's Parade Committee.