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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas A. Glynn Jr. upon the occasion of being named the Grand Marshal of the 16th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade on March 23, 2013

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 these United States; and

WHEREAS, A Saint Patrick's parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland and highlights the many contributions and historical accomplishments of the Irish community in this diverse land; and

WHEREAS, Rockville Centre's St. Patrick's Parade was established on March 22, 1997 and remains dedicated to promoting Irish heritage and culture, family and patriotic values; to promoting and annually financially supporting a national, an Irish, and a Rockville Centre focused charity; and to contributing to the good and welfare of the residents and businesses of Rockville Centre; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Thomas A. Glynn Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the Grand Marshal of the 16th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Glynn Jr., the fourth of the six children of the late Thomas Glynn Sr. and Madeline Glynn, is a lifelong resident of Rockville Centre; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from St. Agnes Elementary School and the Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx, Thomas Glynn attended St. John's University before graduating from the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service; and

WHEREAS, Tom and his beloved wife Eileen were married on June 24, 1967

and just celebrated their forty-fifth anniversary; they are the proud and loving parents of five children: Eileen and her husband Michael Ripa, Thomas III and his wife Claire, Madeline and the late Glenn Fitzpatrick, John and his wife Erin, and Rockville Centre Village Trustee Kevin Glynn and have also been blessed with seven grandchildren: John, Michael, Jennifer, Emily, Anna, Grace and Maddie; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Glynn Jr. is a lifelong parishioner of St. Agnes Cathedral where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector and where he attends Mass every morning; he is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus Father Joseph O'Connell Council and is a longtime member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians as well; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Glynn Jr. is, in addition, honored to serve the residents of the Village of Rockville Centre as a fifty-one year member of the Rockville Centre Fire Department, during which time he has served in many capacities, including Chief of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Glynn Jr. is a valued member, as well, of the Fourth Battalion Chiefs Association and the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, He has served as a Rockville Centre Village Trustee and as a Nassau County Legislator for the Fifth Legislative District and continues to serve his community and his neighbors as a member of the Rockville Centre Lions Club, the Rockville Centre Community Fund, and as a member of the Board of the Rockville Centre F.O.S.S.I. (Friends of Senior Services Inc.); and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Glynn Jr. believes, however, that his greatest honor in service to his community is as the owner and manager of the Thomas A. Glynn & Son Funeral Home in Rockville Centre, where he has been appreciated and honored time and time again for his compassionate service to the families of his beloved community; and

WHEREAS, Active in his profession as well as his community, Thomas A. Glynn Jr. is a member of the Nassau-Suffolk Funeral Directors Associ-

ation, the New York State Funeral Directors Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association; 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, A St. Patrick's Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish Culture and its fine traditions and provides an opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice to serve as a Grand Marshal of the 2013 Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade, Thomas A. Glynn Jr. embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas A. Glynn Jr. upon the occasion of being named the Grand Marshal of the 16th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade on March 23, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas A. Glynn Jr.