

## 2013-J941

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chris Coughlin upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 24, 2013

WHEREAS, St. 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 St. 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chris Coughlin upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chris Coughlin, one of 10 children, grew up on Ovington Avenue; he attended Our Lady of Angels School and Power Memorial High School; currently, he is employed with the United Parcel Service; and

WHEREAS, Chris Coughlin's parents were both from County Galway, Ireland; his father immigrated to the United States in 1929; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Chris Coughlin has been a proud member of the Clann Eireann Pipe Band, a big part of Bay Ridge since 1930; his father was the Pipe Major in the band; and

WHEREAS, Chris Coughlin is an avid member of the Bay Ridge community; being a part of the Band helps keep him involved in many neighborhood activities; he was also part of the committee that founded the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Maura, and their two wonderful children, Hannah, and Christopher, all of whom feel privileged

to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Chris Coughlin 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 Chris Coughlin upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chris Coughlin.