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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 38th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16, 2014, and honoring Stephen O'Shea upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contribution to this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, A St. 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 38th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16, 2014, and to honor Stephen O'Shea upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade, to be held in Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, organizers of this fine event, is comprised of representatives of several Orange County organizations; the parade is the largest cultural event in Orange County, and is also the biggest single-day celebration in Goshen; the parade, which will be 38 years old this year, is expected to draw 25,000 plus spectators; and

WHEREAS, An Irish Day on March 2, 2014, will be held at the American Legion Hall in Greenwood Lake, New York; the Mass in honor of St. Patrick, as well as the Grand Marshal's Brunch on the morning of the parade, has also been planned by the Parade Committee members, who work diligently all year to make these events successful and memorable; and

WHEREAS, Stephen O'Shea was born in Kenmare, County Kerry, Ireland; he grew up in Ireland as an active boy playing all under-age levels of football and participating in competitive running; and

WHEREAS, Following his arrival in the United States, Stephen O'Shea

obtained an Engineering degree in A/C refrigeration; he is presently employed as a Facilities Manager with the City of New York Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Stephen O'Shea is a member of Division 1 Ancient Order of Hibernians in Monroe, New York, and the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, He has been married to Cathie O'Shea for the last 29 years, and together they have been blessed with three children; the O'Sheas are members of Sacred Heart Parish in Monroe, and the founding members of the St. Brendan's Gaelic Football Club in Orange County, New York; they are extremely proud of their heritage; and

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

WHEREAS, Through this heartfelt and compassionate expression, as well as through their sustained commitment to the cultural vitality of their Irish heritage, the Irish-American people of Orange County, the Mid-Hudson area and the State of New York bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 38th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 16, 2014, and to honor Stephen O'Shea upon the occasion of his designation as the 2014 Grand Marshal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, and to Stephen O'Shea, Grand Marshal of the 2014 Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade.