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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sister Maureen Denn, CSJ, upon the occasion of being named Grand Marshal of the 2014 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 15, 2014

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens of the State of New York who devote their lifework and civic endeavor in service to their community, adding to the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sister Maureen Denn, CSJ, upon the occasion of being named Grand Marshal of the 2014 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sister Maureen Denn was selected as this year's Grand Marshal at the Annual Halfway to the Great American Irish Festival Hooley at Hart's Inn in Whitesboro, New York, on Sunday, January 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sister Maureen Denn is well-known throughout the Utica, New York, community for her selfless compassion and desire to better the lives of those in need; for nearly 30 years she lent spiritual comfort, companionship, and a sympathetic ear to hospital patients as chaplain at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare in Utica; and

WHEREAS, Of proud Irish descent, Sister Maureen Denn grew up listening to her mother tell stories of her grandmother who came from County Clare, and to her father's tales of his youth spent on "The Green Road"; and

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 these United States; and

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

WHEREAS, Sister Maureen Denn is a fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade; she embodies the spirit as well as the cherished ideals and values of this venerable community, this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sister Maureen Denn, CSJ, upon the occasion of being named Grand Marshal of the 2014 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Maureen Denn.