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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brian J. Cassidy upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Grand Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 23, 2014

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, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brian J. Cassidy upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Grand Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Brian J. Cassidy is the oldest of three children born to Bernard and Theresa Garvey Cassidy; he was born and raised in Sunset Park where he attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School; he is an alumnus of Xaverian High School and attended Baruch College where he studied Accounting; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from high school, Brian J. Cassidy relocated with his parents to Breezy Point where he resided for 10 years until his return to Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Brian J. Cassidy realized his dream and began his illustrious career in law enforcement; he entered the New York State Court Officer Academy and was then assigned to Brooklyn Criminal Court; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the Applicant Processing Unit in 2001, Brian J. Cassidy was subsequently promoted to the rank of Sergeant; in 2007, he left the New York State Court System to become a Police Officer with the Port Authority Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Brian J. Cassidy has remained true to his Irish-Catholic heritage through his involvement in numerous fraternal organizations; he joined the Breezy Point Catholic Club where he was a member of the Club's Pipes and Drums and served as business manager; and

WHEREAS, In addition, as a New York State Court Officer, Brian J. Cassidy was an active member of the NYS Courts Emerald Society where he served both as a delegate and executive board member; and

WHEREAS, Brian J. Cassidy is currently a member of the Port Authority Police Department Pipes and Drums where he plays the bass drum; he is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians-Division 12, the Knights of Columbus-Dongan Council, and volunteers as a basketball and baseball coach with St. Ephrem's Youth Sports Program; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Beth (Reilly) Cassidy, and their son, Ryan, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Brian J. Cassidy is a fitting choice for Deputy Grand Marshal of the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, for he embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of this great State and Nation; 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, 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 that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Brian J. Cassidy upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Grand Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 23, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian J. Cassidy.