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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Kae Higgins upon the occasion of her 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 Mary Kae Higgins upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Grand Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kae Higgins was born on January 26, 1957 to John and Sally McGreevy Higgins in Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Rutgers University, Mary Kae Higgins earned a Business Administration degree in 1980; upon graduation, she moved to New York City and worked with Merrill Lynch as a Financial Consultant for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kae Higgins later took a position at the National Bank of Canada, and after 11 years she enthusiastically accepted the esteemed position of Vice President in Corporate Cash Management at the Bank of New York; and

WHEREAS, After being laid off due to the events of September 11, 2001, Mary Kae Higgins found her passion selling real estate; she completed courses from the National Association of Realtors, and received her Assistant Appraisal License from New York State; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kae Higgins has been ranked number one in her office for seven consecutive years, and in 2010, she remarkably was ranked number

one in all of New York State; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Bay Ridge for the past 18 years, Mary Kae Higgins found her spiritual home at St. Andrew's Church where she became the Hospitality Minister and assisted with the Life Teen program for several years; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Mary Kae Higgins volunteered with the Zion Lutheran Church soup kitchen until 2002, and in 2006, joined the Ladies of Ancient Hibernia; she also currently serves as Secretary for the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post No. 157; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kae Higgins is a fitting choice for Deputy Grand Marshal of the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, for she 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 attention, 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 Mary Kae Higgins upon the occasion of her 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 Mary Kae Higgins.