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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Catherine Harkin 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 Catherine Harkin 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, Born and raised on Ovington Avenue in Bay Ridge with her roots going back to Tipperary, Ireland, Catherine Harkin attended Our Lady of Angels before graduating from St. Joseph's High School; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Harkin began her illustrious 30 year career with Merrill Lynch as a clerk; she worked her way up the ranks to Floor Broker and Manager of The American Stock Exchange for Merrill where she was a member of The Disciplinary Committee and was a Floor Official; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Harkin's three sons attended St. Ephrems School, where she was active on numerous committees some of which include, the Basketball Committee, Golf Committee, and the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade Party Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she was a member of Sheridan Council Knights of Columbus, serving in many capacities including President of The Ladies Auxiliary where she was instrumental in the support of charities such as the OLPH Food Pantry, The Guild for Exceptional Children and Unborn Baby Love; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her partner, Bill, his children Billy and Rachel, her three sons, Brendan (Bridget), Patrick and James, as well as her two grandchildren, Jack and Clare, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Harkin 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, Catherine Harkin will be marching this year as a most grateful and proud Deputy Grand Marshal in loving memory of her mother, Winnie Maley, who was truly a living example of friendship, love and loyalty; 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 Catherine Harkin 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 Catherine Harkin.