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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 7, 2015

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 40th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 7, 2015, to be held in Rockaway Beach, Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade and Cultural Committee is the organizer of this fine event, which is the second largest parade of its kind in New York City; it attracts more than 50,000 people; and

WHEREAS, The Mass for peace and justice in Ireland, as well as the Grand Marshal's Breakfast 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, The Grand Marshal for the 2015 Parade is Stephen J. Cassidy, President of the Uniformed Firefighters' Association (UFA); and

WHEREAS, John T. Dunleavy has been chosen as the 2015 Honorary Grand Marshal, and has served as chairman since 1993 of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, The Deputy Grand Marshals of the 2015 Parade are: Donna Moran, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Inc. (L.A.O.H.); Dolores Orr, Chair of Community Board No. 14; Michael Leahy, Rockaway Youth Sports and Rockies Hockey; Frank Bagley, Knights of Columbus; Lieutenant

Patrick O'Malley, New York State Court Officers Association; Dr. Jonathan Eckstein, St. John's Hospital; Sean Price, Shannon Gaels Sports Club; Jimmy McGoorty, New York City Department of Sanitation; Brian O'Connell, Principal at Scholar's Academy; Thomas Murphy, Curran's Meat Market; and Bridie Mitchell, New York Irish Center and L.A.O.H.; 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 Queens County, 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 40th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade and Cultural Committee, Grand Marshal Stephen J. Cassidy, and Honorary Grand Marshal John T. Dunleavy.