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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Canny Brothers Band upon the occasion of their selection as Deputy Marshals of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 2016

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 the United States; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and provides opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Canny Brothers Band upon the occasion of their selection as Deputy Marshals of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, One St. Patrick's Day evening, it was noted that there was no live Irish music to be listened to in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn; henceforth, a local Brooklyn band was created to play Irish tunes to celebrate the wonderful cultural heritage of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, The Canny Brothers Band has become one of the premier Irish American bands on the New York City music scene; the lively and energetic band regularly plays festivals, parties, and pubs, as well as venues in East Durham, New York, located in the Catskill Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, The Canny Brothers Band has released three well-reviewed albums, including original material, which have gotten national radio airplay and international notice; and

WHEREAS, Even though it can be a challenge juggling music, family, and careers, the members of the Band enjoy sharing their beloved Irish songs, and celebrating their Brooklyn roots; and

WHEREAS, The three brothers who comprise The Canny Brothers Band include Stephen, Thomas, and Michael, attended St. Ephrem's Parish in Dyker Heights and have Irish roots from County Mayo on both sides of their family; and

WHEREAS, The Canny brothers are very proud of their children Sarah, Michael Shane, Cate, Julia and Joe and very lucky to have such supportive wives as Claudia, Susan and Chrisie; and

WHEREAS, When they are not playing music, Stephen Canny holds the position of Vice President at BNY Mellon, Tom Canny serves as a Senior Vice President at Citibank, and Michael Canny is Director of Technology at Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Other members of the band include lead vocalist, Keith Fallon, who is also from St. Ephrem's Parish and has Irish roots from County Armagh and County Roscommon; he and his lovely wife, Kate, have three daughters, Willow, Violet, and Lyric; Keith is a Sergeant in the New York State Courts and was the Grand Knight of the Sheridan Council Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Bayes plays both keyboards and bass and is a cousin of the aforementioned brothers; he is a long time Verizon Technician, and lives in Bay Ridge with his wonderful wife, Stephanie and daughter, Emma; and

WHEREAS, Drummer Mick Bauer is originally from Queens but has lived in Bay Ridge for over 20 years; he has Irish roots from County Cork and has the support of his lovely wife Barbara; he currently serves as a health benefits administrator at the American Federation of Musicians, Local 802; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which they live and work, The Canny Brothers Band has participated in fundraising efforts for charity

causes such as the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade Scholarship Committee, Quinn for the Win, the Make a Wish Foundation, KeenanStrong, the Aisling Irish Community Center, the Wounded Warrior Project, as well

as benefits for Thailand Tsunami and Hurricane Sandy victims, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which the members of The Canny Brothers Band have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshals of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, The Canny Brothers Band embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish Americans of this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor The Canny Brothers Band upon the occasion of their selection as Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Canny Brothers Band.