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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Shamrock Scramble 5K Road Race in Wallkill, New York, on March 20, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations, events and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Shamrock Scramble 5K Road Race in the hamlet of Wallkill, New York; this auspicious occasion was celebrated on Sunday, March 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The annual Shamrock Scramble is one of the longest-running races in the area and tends to draw between 600 and 800 participants; it is the first race of the year for many snow-bound runners and walkers who look forward to the 3.1 mile flat, downhill course; and

WHEREAS, With its enthusiastic volunteers, dedicated sponsors, and cheering spectators, the Shamrock Scramble 5K Road Race was established 30 years ago as a way of giving back to the community; Race Director Bob Garrison, has worked on the event since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Entry fees and proceeds collected through sponsorships from at least three dozen businesses are donated to local charities; past recipients include the Wallkill High School Scholarship Fund, the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, a food pantry and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, The Shamrock Scramble 5K Road Race includes a walking event, the 5K run and a kids' race with cash prizes going to the first-place finisher and the top masters finisher of each gender; medals are awarded to age-group leaders and if a course record is established, an addi-

tional cash prize is awarded; and

WHEREAS, Derek Lake won the men's race in 15 minutes, 15 seconds, a new course record, and Marisa Sutrastrange won the women's race, placing 12th overall in 18:19; Robert Harles won the walker's race in 31:20; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious anniversary, along with its post-race celebration, presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Shamrock Scramble 5K Road Race; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments, and which serve to bring people together for such glorious purposes, 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 commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Shamrock Scramble 5K Road Race in Wallkill, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Director Bob Garrison, Shamrock Scramble 5K Road Race.