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Senate Resolution No. 3904

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING William P. Doherty upon the occasion of his designation as the Grand Marshal of the 30th Annual Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, 2018

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 commend William P. Doherty upon the occasion of his designation as the Grand Marshal of the 30th Annual Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, William P. Doherty has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and subsequently has been selected for this most prestigious accolade; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" P. Doherty was born on May 1, 1950, in Russiansicle, Cheekpoint, County Waterford to Andrew and Nancy Doherty; he was raised in a small cottage with his four older sisters, Elizabeth, Agnes, Brigid, and Ann; and

WHEREAS, As a child, William P. Doherty lived near the River Suir and worked on the salmon and herring boats that plied their fishing trade in small fishing villages alongside the River Suir Estuary; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 1972, William P. Doherty married his wife, Teresa, at St John's Church in Waterford City; in October of 1972, the couple immigrated to the United States, and lived with his sister, Brigid, on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, William P. and Teresa Doherty then moved to Saint James, New York, where their son was born; three years later, the family settled in Glen Cove, and William became a Parishioner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church; shortly thereafter, he was initiated into the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Division 8; and

WHEREAS, William P. Doherty was employed by Daniello and Son in Locust Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, William P. Doherty and his fellow AOH members initiated a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Glen Cove; the only Hibernian sponsored parade in Nassau County, it has grown to become a premier celebration of Irish heritage and culture on the North Shore; and

WHEREAS, After many years of renting, the Doherty family purchased their dream home in Bayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, William P. Doherty continued to be an active member of the

AOH Division 8, serving as its President from 1990-1992; he enthusiastically worked at many events such as the Project Children Paddleboat Steamer Cruise and the Coney Island Irish Festival, and was always willing to assist young Irish immigrants who had just moved to America; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2005, William P. Doherty and his wife returned to Ireland to manage the Saratoga Bar on the scenic strand of Woodstown, County in Waterford; for 11 years, they ran the famous bar, and were known for their kindness and warm hospitality; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, William P. Doherty and his wife moved back to the Gold Coast; today, he works part time with his nephews at Winter Bros. Waste Systems, one of the largest private sanitation companies on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by William P. Doherty over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 46 years, Teresa; their three children, Ryan, Tara Ann, and Andrew John; and seven grandchildren, all of whom will proudly march alongside the family patriarch as he leads the great Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Parade down the streets of his hometown; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the 30th Annual Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Parade, William P. Doherty 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 commend William P. Doherty upon the occasion of his designation as the Grand Marshal of the 30th Annual Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William P. Doherty.