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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andrew W. Lawrence upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 79th Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10, 2013

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 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 an opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrew W. Lawrence upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 79th Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, For 79 years, the Huntington Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Parade has remained dedicated to promoting Irish heritage and culture, family, and patriotic values; and

WHEREAS, Andrew W. Lawrence is an almost lifetime Huntingtonian, having moved there at the age of seven with his father, Dr. Andrew Lawrence; he spent seven years at St. Patrick's, four years at Chaminade, and then four years at Marquette University; and

WHEREAS, He went on to become a decorated Marine Captain in Vietnam; after leaving active duty, he returned to Huntington to go to law school at St. John's University, while at the same time, serving in the active Marine reserves, serving as the Acting Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps reserve unit in Halesite; and

WHEREAS, After graduation from law school, he worked in the Suffolk County District Attorney's office as a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Major Crimes Bureau, prosecuting many high profile cases; since the late 1970s, he has been a Special Assistant District Attorney as well as a Village Prosecutor for the Village of Huntington Bay; and

WHEREAS, Andrew W. Lawrence was a partner, for many years, in the old

Huntington law firm of TOAZ, BUCK, MYERS; he has served as general counsel over many years for many clients, including the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the Visiting Nurse Service, Huntington Hospital, and various area villages, fire departments, and public libraries; and

WHEREAS, Active in his profession, Andrew W. Lawrence has served on the Suffolk County Bar Association's Grievance, Ethics, Court and Criminal Law Committees; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community as well, he has served on the Board of Directors of the St. Patrick's Parish Council, Huntington Hospital, Huntington Chamber of Commerce, Family Service League, Huntington Historic Society, Huntington Housing Help, the Townwide Fund and St. Johnland Nursing Center, serving each as an officer, including Vice President or President; and

WHEREAS, Andrew W. Lawrence has fittingly been honored with Huntington Hospital's Teddy Award and the Visiting Nurse Service's Man of the Year Award and has twice been honored by the Townwide Fund; and

WHEREAS, Andrew W. Lawrence and his wife Pam, a retired teacher and lifetime Huntingtonian, are the proud parents of two sons, A.J. and Brendan, and a daughter, Kerry, and her husband Matt Ross, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Joining Andrew W. Lawrence in the parade, as his aides, will be his lifelong friends and Huntingtonians, John "Jay" Cavanagh, Andrew J. Schmitz and John Dooley; and

WHEREAS, Andrew W. Lawrence's distinguished record on behalf of his family, profession, heritage and community merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 79th Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10, 2013, and to honor Andrew W. Lawrence upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew W. Lawrence.