

## 2009-J491

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dennis Milton upon the occasion of being named Gael of the Year at the 34th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, Saint Patrick's Day is a time for all to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contributions to this greatly diverse land of ours; and

WHEREAS, A Saint 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 in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dennis Milton upon the occasion of being named Gael of the Year at the 34th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, A native New Yorker who was born in the South Bronx, Dennis Milton comes from a family ingrained as ironworkers in the trades; he and his relatives combined possess over 325 years of experience; and  
WHEREAS, A proud union member of Ironworkers Local 580 for over 40 years, Dennis Milton came through the ranks serving as a journeyman, certified welder, shop steward, foreman, general foreman and currently its business agent; and

WHEREAS, Educated in machine and metal trades, Dennis Milton attended both the Cornell University and Xavier University Arbitration Study; and

WHEREAS, Active within the Local 580, Dennis Milton has served 28 years as an elected officer, three years as an examining board member, six years as recording secretary, 19 years as business agent and 19 years as delegate for the New York State District Council of Ironworkers; in addition, he served 12 years as Local 580 joint funds trustee, annuity trustee, and apprentice trustee; and

WHEREAS, Each year as we honor St. Patrick, whose life mirrored a deep and abiding example of the challenges of sainthood, we are mindful of the history of the Irish people and their struggle against oppression,

religious intolerance and political, social and economic barriers; and  
WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity  
and strength of the Irish culture and its fine traditions; now, there-  
fore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
congratulate Dennis Milton upon the occasion of being named Gael of the  
Year at the 34th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be  
it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to Dennis Milton.