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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Letitia Driscoll upon the occasion of her designation as the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mahopac, New York, on March 8, 2009

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 commend Letitia Driscoll upon the occasion of her designation as the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mahopac, New York, on Sunday, March 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Born in Maynooth County, Kildare, Ireland, Letitia Driscoll was the first child of Maria and Michael Sullivan and sister to five brothers, Colm, Martin, Eamon, Desmond and Barry; and

WHEREAS, Letitia Driscoll attended the Presentation Convent of Maynooth for primary school; upon graduation, she enrolled at Ms. Regan's Commercial College in Dublin; she later attended Ms. Jill Fisher's School of Beauty; and

WHEREAS, Letitia Driscoll immigrated to the United States in 1957, joining her father who resided in Good Shepard Parish in the Inwood section of Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Today, Letitia Driscoll is a proud retiree of the Board of Education in New York City; prior to that, she was employed by United States Steel, as an IBM operator, when she met the love of her life, Patrick J. Driscoll; they were married on November 10, 1961, and together, they raised six children, Stephen, Gail, Sheila, Jean, Michelle and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Driscoll was born on July 4, 1963; he was Baptized, made his first Holy Communion and was Confirmed in the Christian faith;

he proudly served in the United States Navy and became a Police Officer with the New York City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary officer, Stephen Driscoll became a member of the prestigious Emergency Services Division and was assigned to ESU Truck-4 out of the 50th Precinct in the Bronx; one of the first responders at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, he made the ultimate sacrifice while trying to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Driscoll lived his life with great dignity and genuine grace; his unwavering compassion and courage will forever serve as a testament to his mother, Letitia Driscoll; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Letitia Driscoll embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Letitia Driscoll upon the occasion of her designation as the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mahopac, New York, on March 8, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Letitia Driscoll.