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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Aine Sheridan upon the occasion of being named Honorary Grand Marshal of the 35th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 6, 2010

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 these United States; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day Parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and highlights the many contributions and historical accomplishments of the Irish community in this diverse land; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Aine Sheridan upon the occasion of being named Honorary Grand Marshal of the 35th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010; and

WHEREAS, This year the 35th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade will also honor Patrick J. McGowan as Grand Marshal and The Honorable Martin Golden as Honorary Grand Marshal of the parade and will recognize The Honorable John Ingram, Edward Valentine, Patrick Sullivan, Joseph Lynch, Jr., William Glynn, Maureen O'Malley-Byrnes, Kathleen Clarke, Martin Dunn and Andrew Healey as Deputy Honorary Grand Marshals of the Parade; and

WHEREAS, A native of Edgeworthstown, County Longford, Ireland, Aine Sheridan emigrated to New York City in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Currently Executive Vice President of Irish Radio Network USA and President of Flannelly Promotions Ltd., when Aine Sheridan came to America she was appointed Executive Vice President of Tintawn Carpets USA, the United States subsidiary of Irish Ropes, based in Newbridge, County Kildare; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, she traveled throughout the United States and Canada and is credited with overseeing the company's progressive North American operations; and

WHEREAS, Aine Sheridan next conducted critical research on the American market for Enterprise Ireland, Ireland's government agency responsi-

ble for the development and promotion of Irish companies and export sales; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Aine Sheridan became the Executive Vice President of Irish Radio Network USA; among her notable achievements, she was instrumental in the expansion of the longest running Irish American Radio Show, her husband's show, "The Adrian Flannelly Show," by initiating international broadcast links with numerous stations in Ireland and the United States; she also established the Irish radio website www.irishradio.com, a leading Irish American news and entertainment audio channel for listeners worldwide; and

WHEREAS, As President of Flannelly Promotions Ltd., a Madison Avenue based public relations firm, Aine Sheridan has coordinated numerous political campaigns and the most recent Irish American Presidential Forum; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Aine Sheridan has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she serves on the board of the Emerald Isle Immigration Center and is justly proud of having been named the Longford Social Club of New York's Woman of the Year and one of IRISH AMERICA magazine's Top 50 Most Influential Irish American Women in 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, Aine Sheridan embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and nation; it is the

sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Aine Sheridan upon the occasion of her designation as Honorary Grand Marshal of the 35th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 6, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aine Sheridan.