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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph F. Kelly upon the occasion of being named a Grand Marshal of the 15th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade on March 19, 2011

WHEREAS, Saint 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 Saint 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, Rockville Centre's St. Patrick's Parade was established on March 22, 1997 and remains dedicated to promoting Irish heritage and culture, family and patriotic values; to promoting and annually financially supporting a national, an Irish, and a Rockville Centre focused charity; and to contributing to the good and welfare of the residents and businesses of Rockville Centre; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph F. "Joe" Kelly, one of the Parade's founders, noting his tremendous efforts in support of the Parade he helped start, upon the occasion of being named a Grand Marshal of the 15th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Without the vision and hard work of Joseph F. Kelly, the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade would not have been possible; throughout the 15 years of the Parade he has remained active and involved and truly exemplifies the Parade's motto, "The Parade that Cares and Shares"; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Kelly, a graduate of St. John's Prep School and Niagara University, did postgraduate work at the New York University Graduate School of Business and served as a First Lieutenant with the United States Army in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Professionally, Joseph F. Kelly has had wide experience in the financial field; over the years, he was associated with A.G. Edwards, Prudential Securities, and A.G. Becker & Co. and recently

retired from Janney Montgomery Scott in Garden City; he has served as Chairman of the of the Public Securities Association's Federal Agency Committee, as an Executive Committee member of the U.S. Primary Dealers Association, and has been listed in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN FINANCE; and WHEREAS, Active in his community as well as his profession, after helping organize the first Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade, Joseph F. Kelly served as Chairman of the Parade Committee and his wife Dianne served as the Committee's Secretary; he has also served as Chairman of the Maple Avenue Task Force and as Chairman of the Rockville Centre Environmental and Beautification Committee from 1978 to 1983 and is a past member of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly has been honored with the Edward D. Riley Award and the Joseph P. Molinari Award from the Villanova Educational Foundation and is Chairman of The Reverend Thomas Concagh Scholarship Fund at St. John's Prep School in Queens; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Kelly's charitable endeavors are not limited to Long Island; he is currently serving as the founding Chairman of the Belleayre Conservatory and the Coalition to Save Belleayre Mountain in upstate New York, as well as serving on the Boards of Directors of the Catskill Regional Ski Council and the M-ARK Project and, he is, in addition, a Charter Member of The Belleayre Mountain Ski Center Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Joseph F. Kelly and his wife, Dianne, have lived in Rockville Centre for almost 40 years; their three children, their wonderful spouses, and their nine cherished grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be part of his life and rejoice in his achievements, live nearby and will march in the Parade, wearing their best green in celebration of America's and Rockville Centre's Irish heritage; 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 proud history of the Irish people and their struggle against oppression, religious intolerance and political, social and economic barriers; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish Culture and its fine traditions and provides an opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride

and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice to serve as a Grand Marshal of the 2011 Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Day Parade, Joseph F. Kelly 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 honor Joseph F. Kelly upon the occasion of being named a Grand Marshal of the 15th Annual Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade on March 19, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph F. Kelly.