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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eileen Long-Chelales upon the occasion of her designation as an Honorary Grand Marshal of the 37th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 3, 2012

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 Eileen Long-Chelales upon the occasion of being named an Honorary Grand Marshal of the 37th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Flood will also be honored as an Honorary Grand Marshal of the parade; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the 37th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade will honor Kevin O'Brien as Grand Marshal of the parade and Edward Rice and Paddy McCarthy as Gaels of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Also being honored as Deputy Grand Marshals at this year's Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade are Maureen Donachie, Mary Ellen Murray, Maurice Landers, Ralph Reed, Richard Keane, Mark C. Edwards, Laura Sporny, Sister Agnes White, C.S.J., Eileen McDonald, and Michael Charles Schramm, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, All of this year's honorees are fittingly being recognized for their service in their individual fields to the Irish and Irish Americans throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, A 1988 graduate, Eileen Long-Chelales currently serves as Director of Development for Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School; she has been with Bishop Ford since September 2010; as Development Director, she oversees all fundraising activities, including the recently announced Brother Michel Bettigole Financial Aid program, the first program of its kind at Bishop Ford; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her arrival at Bishop Ford, Eileen Long-Chelales served as a member of the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board from July 2006 until September 2010; prior to that she was the Regional Administrator for the United States Office of General Services Administration; as Regional Administrator, she was responsible for a workforce of 750 employees across New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, In her role as principal executive for the General Services Administration's Northeast and Caribbean Region, she oversaw an annual operating budget of \$1.9 billion and a real estate portfolio that included 83 government owned buildings and leased space in 432 commercial locations; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Long-Chelales also served as Deputy Secretary for Administration and Operations in the Office of Governor George E. Pataki, a position she held for over two years; prior to 2002, she served as the Chief of Staff for Lieutenant Governor Mary O. Donohue and was Deputy Press Secretary to Governor Pataki; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Long-Chelales earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights, New York in 1992; and

WHEREAS, With Eileen Long-Chelales throughout have been her husband, Joseph, and their children, Joseph and Caroline, all of whom are proud to be part of her life and rejoice in her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Long-Chelales and her family reside in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn and are parishioners of Our Lady of Angels Parish in Bay Ridge; her children attend Holy Angels Catholic Academy and Eileen Long-Chelales serves on the Our Lady of Angels Alumni Committee; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Long-Chelales truly 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 noble 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 Eileen Long-Chelales upon the occasion of her designation as an Honorary Grand Marshal of the 37th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 3, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen Long-Chelales.