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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Karen Hennigan upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 24, 2013

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 the United States; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and provides 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 honor Karen Hennigan upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Karen Hennigan was born and raised in Brooklyn and is a proud resident of Bay Ridge; her paternal grandparents were born in Slane, County Meath and Ballina, County Mayo, and her maternal great-grandparents were born in Tipperary and Kerry; and

WHEREAS, Karen Hennigan's early education took place at Brooklyn's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School, P.S. 105 and McKinley Junior High School; after graduating from Saint Saviour High School in Park Slope, she attended The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1997, and her law degree in 2000; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Karen Hennigan was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force and on September 2, 2001, she left Brooklyn for Officer Training School; since that time, she has continued to serve as both an active duty and reserve Judge Advocate prosecutor, and she holds

the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, Karen Hennigan has been stationed throughout the United States, in Korea, and in the Middle East; she is a combat veteran who served in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and in 2007, she served in the first ever all female combat C-17 combat mission into Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, After returning from her deployment in 2007, Karen Hennigan moved home to Brooklyn and began serving as a Federal Prosecutor; in 2009, she was appointed by the Attorney General to serve as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Karen Hennigan was named Prosecutor of the Year by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, as well as named one of the Top 50 Irish Americans in Law Enforcement by the Irish Echo Newspaper; and WHEREAS, Karen Hennigan serves as the Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Veterans; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2013, Karen Hennigan began her current position with Citigroup Global Management, where she serves as Assistant General Counsel and Senior Vice President specializing in Anti-Money Laundering, Law Enforcement and Anti-Terrorist Financing; and

WHEREAS, Karen Hennigan is a proud guest lecturer in Ireland's Trinity College Law School in Dublin, and at the Honorable Society of Kings Inns; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Karen Hennigan 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, 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 Karen Hennigan upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Karen Hennigan.