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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 39th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15, 2015, and honoring Ann Michel upon the occasion of her designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contribution to this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, A St. 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 39th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 15, 2015, and to honor Ann Michel upon the occasion of her designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade, to be held in Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, organizer of this fine event, is comprised of representatives of several Orange County organizations; the parade is the largest cultural event in Orange County, and is also the biggest single-day celebration in Goshen; and

WHEREAS, The Mass in honor of St. Patrick, as well as the Grand Marshal's Breakfast on the morning of the parade, has also been planned by the Parade Committee members, who work diligently all year to make these events successful and memorable; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Marshal for the 2015 Parade from LAOH Division 4, Ann Michel is a proud native of Brooklyn, New York, who relocated to Orange County in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, Ann Michel has been tremendously active in the Irish American Community in the Hudson Valley area; and

WHEREAS, Ann Michel is a past member of LAOH Division 3, and was a charter member of the Orange County LAOH Board; in addition, she volun-

teers her time and energies with the Irish Heritage Festival, and the Lady of Knock Mass and breakfast; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Ann Michel is involved with the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, assisting with fundraising and co-chairing the Grand Marshal's Mass for several years; and

WHEREAS, Ann Michel retired from the New York State BOCES after 35 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Today, she is the proud mother of four children, and the loving grandmother of 11 grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish culture and its fine traditions; and

WHEREAS, Through this heartfelt and compassionate expression, as well as through their sustained commitment to the cultural vitality of their Irish heritage, the Irish-American people of Orange County, the Mid-Hudson area and the State of New York bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 39th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 15, 2015, and to honor Ann Michel upon the occasion of her designation as the 2015 Grand Marshal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, and Grand Marshal Ann Michel.