

## 2015-J902

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard D. Paul, Sr. upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the 2015 Camden Irish Parade

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Richard D. Paul, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2015 Camden Irish Parade; he will have the privilege of leading this grand event, now in its 14th year, on Saturday, March 21, 2015, in Camden, New York; and

WHEREAS, Richard D. Paul, Sr. was selected as the 2015 Grand Marshal in recognition of his commitment to and support of the Camden Irish Parade, as well as his stature as a well-respected citizen of his community; and

WHEREAS, Richard D. Paul, Sr. joined the Village of Camden, New York, police force as a patrolman on September 9, 1972; and

WHEREAS, On March 30, 1973, Richard D. Paul, Sr. graduated from the New York State Police Academy; he was promoted to Sergeant on June 12, 1978, before being appointed to the esteemed position of Police Chief of Camden, New York, on July 25, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Chief Richard D. Paul, Sr. retired from the Camden Police Department after 25 years of faithful service to his community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard D. Paul, Sr. served his country as a

member of the United States Army National Guard; in December of 1980, he received an honorable discharge with the rank of Staff Sergeant; and WHEREAS, A member of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, currently, Richard D. Paul, Sr. is an active life member after 20 years of distinguished service; he is also a certified firearms instructor; and

WHEREAS, Richard D. Paul, Sr. and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents of two children, Richard, Jr. and Amanda, and the loving grandparents of five grandchildren; Richard Paul, Andrew Paul, Ryanne Allen, Tyson Allen and Lynzi Allen; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the 2015 Camden Irish Parade, Richard D. Paul, Sr. embodies the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans across this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Richard D. Paul, Sr. 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 Richard D. Paul, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2015 Camden Irish Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard D. Paul, Sr.