

## 2015-J959

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Denis Mulcahy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York Friends of Ireland on March 12, 2015

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Denis Mulcahy has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Denis Mulcahy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York Friends of Ireland, to be celebrated with a Cocktail Reception on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at the "21" Club, New York City; and

WHEREAS, Denis Mulcahy was raised in County Cork and is a dual Irish and American citizen; he is a retired decorated member of the New York Police Department Bomb Squad, owner of Waterstone Inn of Greenwood Lake, New York, and co-founder of the internationally known, Project Children; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Denis Mulcahy, Project Children has brought more than 22,000 children from both Protestant and Catholic communities in Northern Ireland to America, uniting them with over 15,000 American host families for a summer of peace and a lifetime of friendship; and

WHEREAS, Denis Mulcahy, along with his brother, established the program after immigrating to New York; since its inception in 1975, this vital organization has given these children a break from the conflict and politics of their country and a chance to experience the joys of

youth; and

WHEREAS, The heart and soul of Project Children, Denis Mulcahy's extraordinary dedication to peace and understanding has made a tangible difference in the lives of many individuals throughout both the United States and Northern Ireland; and

WHEREAS, A nonprofit all-volunteer organization, Project Children has fostered countless friendships and serves as an example of the power of peace and reconciliation efforts at the grassroots level, as well as the power of individual leadership exemplified by Denis Mulcahy; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his unwavering dedication to Project Children, Denis Mulcahy serves as a Charter Member and outgoing President of the Greenwood Lake Gaelic Cultural Society; he volunteers his time and energy to Habitat for Humanity, helping to rebuild homes destroyed by natural disasters, and has been nominated on three occasions to receive the Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Miriam, their four children, and grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Denis Mulcahy has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Denis Mulcahy has displayed throughout his life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Denis Mulcahy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York Friends of Ireland on

March 12, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Denis Mulcahy.