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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 148th Kings County Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015, and honoring Howie Dunn upon the occasion of his designation as the Grand Marshal of the Parade

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders resonates with the rich and noble history of New York State and this nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this nation was founded, and to applaud individuals who have dedicated their life's work in support and furtherance of those principles; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 148th Kings County Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015, and to honor Howie Dunn upon the occasion of his designation as the Grand Marshal of the Parade; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day, observed annually on the last Monday of the month of May, we honor those Americans who gave their lives in defense of their country, whether in the Civil War which divided our nation or in times of war since that time, and in times of peace, in police actions and minor skirmishes, in peacekeeping roles and in missions to foreign lands to uphold the cherished principles of liberty and democracy upon which our grand Republic was founded; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the Kings County Memorial Day Parade, Howie Dunn proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy, retiring as a Yeoman Petty Officer 3rd Class; and

WHEREAS, Howie Dunn has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America since 1939, when he joined Troop 321 at St. John's Evangelist Church; throughout the years he worked his way up to Scoutmaster and then Neighborhood Commissioner, eventually holding the title of Assistant District Commissioner of the Atlantic District with responsibility for 20 Troops and Packs; currently, he is an active member of the Boy Scouts' Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Introduced to the Wounded Warrior Project through his involvement with the Boy Scouts, Howie Dunn helped raise significant funds for this worthy cause between 2009-2012; his participation with this vital organization continues today, as he works with Walter Reed Hospital on numerous clothing drives and conducts tours of New York City for soldiers and their families; and

WHEREAS, Howie Dunn has been active in numerous civic and charitable organizations including serving as a member of the Amity 791 American Flag Committee, placing American flags in front of numerous businesses throughout Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man has received several awards and accolades for his service to his community including the Patriotism Award from the Kings County Memorial Day Committee, the George V. Russano Award from the Cadet Baseball Club, and the Spark Flag Award by the Atlantic District Boy Scout Committee; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 67 years, Mae Dunn, their daughter, Geraldine, and his late son, Edward, and four grandchildren, as well as two great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, As we observe and remember our deceased veterans on Memorial Day, we recall their brave and noble deeds which have served to maintain

our most precious and cherished freedoms and honor those who continue to work diligently to support and sustain them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 148th Kings County Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015, and to honor Howie Dunn upon the occasion of his designation as the Grand Marshal of the Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Howie Dunn and the Kings County Memorial Day Parade Committee.