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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gail Driscoll Silke upon the occasion of being selected as the 2016 Grand Marshal of the Northern Westchester-Putnam 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Gail Driscoll Silke will be honored as Grand Marshal of the Northern Westchester-Putnam 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade during a dinner to be held at the Centennial Golf Club on February 5, 2016; the parade will be held on March 13th and is dedicated to Army Staff Sergeant Jimmy McNaughton (Gold Star Families) and Sergeant Eddie Ryan, USMC (Wounded Warriors); and

WHEREAS, Gail Driscoll Silke was born to Patrick Driscoll and Letitia Sullivan Driscoll; her paternal grandparents were from County Kerry and her mother was born in County Kildare; and

WHEREAS, Gail Driscoll Silke attended the Academy of Mt. St. Ursula High School and Grace Secretarial Institute; and

WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, Gail Driscoll Silke has been employed with Metro-North Railroad, and is currently serving as Manager of Environmental Compliance; and

WHEREAS, Gail Driscoll Silke lost a brother, Stephen Driscoll, an NYPD officer, in the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; she has dedicated her life to remembering her brother and other victims by visiting with injured Iraq War veterans and telling them about Stephen and by participating in design plans for the reflection pools at the 9/11 World Trade Center Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Gail Driscoll Silke is the band manager for the Stephen P. Driscoll Memorial Pipe Band, has been an active member of the Knights of

Columbus Our Lady of the Lakes Council No. 6318 Ladies Auxiliary since 2011, and is currently serving as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Gail Driscoll Silke and her loving husband, William, are the proud parents of Billy and Christina Silke; and

WHEREAS, Gail Driscoll Silke is tirelessly dedicated to her community and to her Irish heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gail Driscoll Silke upon the occasion of being selected as the 2016 Grand Marshal of the Northern Westchester-Putnam 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gail Driscoll Silke.