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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Thomas F. Granato upon the occasion of his selection as Aide to the Grand Marshal of the 82nd Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13, 2016

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 Irish people throughout the United States; 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, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commend Thomas F. Granato upon the occasion of his selection as Aide to the Grand Marshal of the 82nd Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) is a Catholic, Irish American Fraternal organization founded on May 4, 1836, in New York City; active across the United States, its mission is to foster and preserve Irish culture, while standing up for issues affecting the Irish community; and

WHEREAS, For 82 years, the Huntington Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Parade, Long Island's oldest and largest parade, has remained dedicated to promoting Irish heritage, traditions, family, and patriotic values; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Granato was born to the late Salvatore Joseph and Theresa Granato on March 22, 1960, in Manhasset, New York; he attended Manhasset High School where he played soccer and was the Star of the Manhasset Indians Baseball Team; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Thomas F. Granato earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Marketing from St. Leo University; while a student, he held the title of President of his class, and was a Founding Father of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Florida Lambda, Chartered in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Granato then went on to attend New York University School of Continuing Education where he obtained Construction Management OSHA credentials; and

WHEREAS, An avid golfer, Thomas F. Granato serves on the Board of Directors of the Crab Meadow Men's Club in Northport, New York; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice to serve as Aide to the Grand Marshal at the 2016 Huntington Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Thomas F. Granato truly embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Thomas F. Granato upon the occasion of his selection as Aide to the Grand Marshal of the 82nd Annual Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas F. Granato.