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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Irish Monument Committee and the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens upon the occasion of hosting the 2016 Easter Monday Commemoration

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations of true purpose and worthy accomplishment which foster a spirit of community and service and, simultaneously, work diligently to preserve their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Irish Monument Committee and the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens upon the occasion of hosting the 2016 Easter Monday Commemoration; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising of 1916; the Irish Monument Committee and the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens will be hosting this Remembrance on Monday, March 28, 2016, at the Irish Monument in Mineola, New York; following the singing of the National Anthems, the laying of wreaths, and select speeches, a Luncheon will be held at The Irish American Center; and

WHEREAS, On Easter Monday, April 24, 1916, Irish patriots, supported by exiled children in America, proclaimed Ireland's ancient right to freedom; they rebelled in Dublin against the might of the British Empire, and, despite the Rising being crushed and its leaders executed, events began which won freedom for 26 of Ireland's 32 counties in an Irish Republic; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that the 1916 Easter Rising be observed due to the historic and vital part which Ireland's exiled children in America played in the Rising; and

WHEREAS, The great State of New York is home to a large population of

Irish Americans who have made important contributions to the freedom, liberty, culture, and economic well-being to both the State and the Nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The reasoning behind designating the anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising of the Irish Republic as Republic Day is that it would serve as a day of remembrance, understanding and celebration of that historic event, and of the selfless heroism and integrity of the women and men involved in that strike for freedom; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body salutes all of the individuals, past and present, who have given their time to these worthy organizations, noting their commitment to enhance and improve the quality of life in their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Irish Monument Committee and the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens upon the occasion of hosting the 2016 Easter Monday Commemoration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Irish Monument Committee and the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens.