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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brian P. Kelly upon the occasion of his selection as Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 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 the 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 opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brian P. Kelly upon the occasion of his selection as Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Proud of his Irish lineage, Brian P. Kelly's maternal grandfather, Peter O'Hara, was born in the United States and moved to Ireland at the young age of two; upon returning to the United States, he married Mary Daly from County Armagh; and

WHEREAS, Brian P. Kelly's parents, Hugh and Eleanor, made a home for their family of eight, on 73rd Street in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Educated at Our Lady of Angels, Brian P. Kelly sang in the choir, and was a vital member of both the baseball and basketball teams, winning numerous awards over the years; in addition to playing school sports, he played for the Police Athletic League; and

WHEREAS, On Saturdays, Brian P. Kelly earned money by delivering THE TABLE, and sold copies outside of Church after mass on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, As a teenager, Brian P. Kelly worked as a camp counselor for the Franciscan Brothers at Camp Alveria for two summers; after graduat-

ing high school, he attended St. John's Prep where he continued to follow his love for basketball and joined the team, while also playing in the OLA Parish League; and

WHEREAS, After school, Brian P. Kelly joined his brothers and uncles and accepted a job at AT&T; after 15 years as a line worker, he was promoted to a supervisory position, where he spent the next 21 years serving as Supervisor Engineer, a position from which he retired in 2006; and

WHEREAS, After meeting at a softball game, Brian P. Kelly and Mary Ann Delaney were married in September of 1976; together, the couple happily raised three beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, The family bought a house and joined St. Ephrem's Parish, where Brian P. and Mary Ann Kelly established a Basketball Program; Brian coached two girls basketball teams, and the boys junior team, while Mary Ann acted as assistant commissioner and ran the concessions; the program was very successful, with the 8th grade girls team making it to the Brooklyn Diocesan Championship game; and

WHEREAS, A noble Irish man, Brian P. Kelly joined the Knights of Columbus Dongan Council at the age of 18; today, he is a member of the AOH, in which he currently serves as a Marshal for Division 12; and

WHEREAS, For over four decades, Brian P. Kelly has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus; in addition, he belonged to Thomas Dongan Council No. 1251, where he assisted with their bowling leagues and children's Christmas parties; and

WHEREAS, In his much deserved retirement, Brian P. Kelly enjoys traveling to Atlantic City and Vegas with his brothers and sister, and looks forward to his annual family reunion in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his loving wife, Mary Ann; his three devoted children, Beth Ann, Dawn Marie, and Brian, Jr.; and his six amazing grandchildren, Katie, Jack, Emma, Madeline, Colton, and Dylan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice

in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Brian P. Kelly 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 honor Brian P. Kelly upon the occasion of his selection as Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Marshal Brian P. Kelly.