

## 2017-J1008

Senate Resolution No. 1008

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMEMORATING the 8th Annual Gerritsen Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, 2017, and honoring Elizabeth Hanson upon the occasion of her designation as Irish Woman of the Year

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contribution to this State and Nation; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 8th Annual Gerritsen Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, 2017, and honoring Elizabeth Hanson upon the occasion of her designation as Irish Woman of the Year, to be held in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Hanson, affectionately known as Lilly-Beth, is a lifelong resident of Gerritsen Beach; a graduate of New York University's Therapeutic Recreation Program, Lilly-Beth works with the elderly and children as a Music and Drama Specialist; in addition, Lilly-Beth Hanson has been contributing her talents as Gerritsen Beach's unofficial entertainer and theatrical director; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Lilly-Beth Hanson helped organize the Gerritsen Beach Cares Halloween and Street Festivals, orchestrated the resurrection of the local Marching Band, and was an integral part of the team that saved Kiddie Beach; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Roger, their two children, Roger Francis, Mollyann (Pat), and her granddaughter Julie Rose, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish culture and its fine traditions; and

WHEREAS, Through this heartfelt and compassionate expression, as well as through their sustained commitment to the cultural vitality of their Irish heritage, the Irish-American people of Kings County and the State of New York bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 8th Annual Gerritsen Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, 2017, and honoring Elizabeth Hanson upon the occasion of her designation as Irish Woman of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Hanson.