LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James Gerard Quigley upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 24, 2013

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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James Gerard Quigley upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, James Gerard Quigley is one of two sons of long-time Bay Ridge residents, Thomas and Mary Quigley, whose Irish heritage is hailed from Counties Longford and Mayo; and

WHEREAS, A life-long resident of Bay Ridge, Irish-American James Gerard Quigley is a Vice President at Morgan Stanley; in addition to his more than 20 year career in the financial services industry, he is a business partner in the legendary Peggy O'Neill's in historic Coney Island; and

WHEREAS, Deeply passionate about preserving, advocating for and showcasing Coney Island's iconic reputation as an American playground, James Gerard Quigley serves on the Coney Island USA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, James Gerard Quigley works with other seasoned board members to provide strategic direction over Coney Island's cultural initiatives, performing arts, and historical preservation; and

WHEREAS, Equally passionate about, and proud of, his Irish-American heritage, James Gerard Quigley has been a business participant in the Great Irish Fair and has been affiliated with The Ancient Order of Hibernians and The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, When not working at Morgan Stanley or running Peggy O'Neill's, James Gerard Quigley enjoys acting as a musician by playing keyboards and singing; he currently performs in the Hell or High Water Band; his hobbies include wine making and beer brewing; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, James Gerard Quigley embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Gerard Quigley upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Gerard Quigley.