

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Jim Kelley upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2016 Camden Irish Parade

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of true purpose and worthy accomplishment who work diligently to preserve and celebrate 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 Jim Kelley upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2016 Camden Irish Parade; he will have the privilege of leading this grand event, now in its 15th year, on Saturday, March 19, 2016, in Camden, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jim Kelley was chosen for this most auspicious honor in recognition of his demonstrated commitment to and support of the Camden Irish Parade, as well as his stature as a well-respected citizen of his community; and

WHEREAS, Jim Kelley, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, was born and raised in Camden, New York, and has been a dairy farmer in this picturesque area all of his life; and

WHEREAS, Of proud Irish descent, Jim Kelley, along with his wife of 56 years, the former Dorothy "Doty" Granger, are the proud parents of six children and the loving grandparents of 13 grandchildren as well as six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the 2016 Camden Irish Parade, Jim Kelley embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans across 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 State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jim Kelley upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2016 Camden Irish Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jim Kelley.