

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING the Glen Cove Ancient Order of Hibernians upon the occasion of sponsoring the 30th Annual Glen Cove Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 18, 2018

WHEREAS, Saint 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 these United States; and

WHEREAS, A Saint Patrick's Day parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and highlights the many contributions and historical accomplishments of the Irish community in this diverse land; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Glen Cove Ancient Order of Hibernians upon the occasion of sponsoring the 30th Annual Glen Cove Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Doherty has been selected as the Grand Marshal of the 30th Annual Glen Cove Saint Patrick's Day Parade; he will lead the parade that has grown to be the largest annual parade in Glen Cove and the civic celebration that is eagerly awaited each spring by all residents of the North Shore and the entire Irish community of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is not, as many believe, a celebration of the Patron Saint of Ireland's birth, but of his death; and

WHEREAS, It was Pope Celestine I who named him Patricus, and sent him to Ireland where he tangled with the Druids over religious beliefs, and where his efforts to convert the Irish to the Catholic faith were untiring, as seen today in the significant observance of God in Irish life; and

WHEREAS, In every walk of life, in the arts, in the sciences, in the political world, in every manifestation of the human spirit, the Irish people have excelled; and

WHEREAS, No nation on earth has sent to the shores of America a people more spiritual than the Irish; throughout the ages, they have left their cares forgotten among the lilies; from the mode and texture of that endowment, the cathedrals and colleges of our Nation were built, a heritage largely formed, our American character greatly forged; and

WHEREAS, Each year as we honor St. Patrick, whose life mirrored a deep and abiding example of the challenges of sainthood, we are mindful of the history of the Irish people and their struggle against oppression, religious intolerance and political, social and economic barriers; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish Culture and its fine traditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Glen Cove Ancient Order of Hibernians upon the occasion of sponsoring the 30th Annual Glen Cove Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 18, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Glen Cove Ancient Order of Hibernians.