

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Angela Connolly-Coyle upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2018 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to 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 Angela Connolly-Coyle upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2018 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, Angela Connolly-Coyle will march as Deputy Marshal of the 25th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade down 3rd Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, March 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade is meant to recognize and celebrate Irish culture, heritage and pride, for those who have emigrated here from the Emerald Isle, the Irish-American community, as well as those who are Irish in spirit; and

WHEREAS, Angela Connolly-Coyle was born to Charles and Jeanette Connolly in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, where she attended Our Lady of Angels Grammar School and St. Saviour High School; during the summers, she enjoyed spending time outdoors working on various farms and fishing the clear, cold waters of Prince Edward Island, Canada; and

WHEREAS, Today, Angela Connolly-Coyle serves as a consultant Project Manager for numerous non-profit organizations; in this capacity, she focuses on working with survivors of tragic events, especially first responders and members of the military, and helping them to find a new normal and repair their lives; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Angela Connolly-Coyle successfully completed a contract with the United War Veterans Council; throughout her tenure, she was responsible for recruiting and managing 300+ volunteers, mobilizing community support, and engaging with both long-time and potential partners to honor, support, and serve America's veterans; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her esteemed career, Angela Connolly-Coyle has worked on many other high-profile assignments such as Project Manager for a Florida-based fund for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families, Program Manager for both the Leary Firefighters Foundation and the FDNY Counseling Service Unit; in 1984, she founded and served as Director of the New York City Child Abuse Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her profession, Angela Connolly-Coyle was the recipient of numerous awards

and accolades including the 2010 Distinguished Community Service Award by the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard and Airmen's Club; the 2008 NOFD Service Plaque; the 2004 Extraordinary Service to Humanity Award by the Bear Search and Rescue Foundation; 2003 Directors Special Commendation by the FDNY; and the 2003 and 2004 Telly Award for Excellence in Outreach Materials; as well as the 2001 Mayor's Urban Hero Award; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished author, Angela Connolly-Coyle has written numerous articles and guides outlining tools and coping mechanisms for those who are in need of help and guidance during their time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, When she is not at work, Angela Connolly-Coyle has graciously donated her time and energy to numerous worthy organizations such as Soldiers', Sailors', Marines', Coast Guard, and Airmen's Club; Hurricane Sandy Relief; Wounded Warriors, Achilles Foundation, Hope and Possibility Run; and the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Proud of her Irish heritage, Angela Connolly-Coyle has worked for the St. Patrick's Day Foundation which supports and produces the annual NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her three children, Lauren, Brittany, and Daniel; and her two grandchildren, Steven and Kane, all of whom have shown her love and support and look forward to walking alongside her in the parade; 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, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal for the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Angela Connolly-Coyle 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 commend Angela Connolly-Coyle upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2018 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Angela Connolly-Coyle.