

BY: Senator GOUNARDES

COMMEMORATING the 27th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held March 22, 2020, and paying special tribute to this year's Grand Marshal Linda Gallagher-Lomanto

WHEREAS, Saint Patrick's Day is a time for all to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contributions to this greatly diverse land of ours; and

WHEREAS, A Saint 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 27th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, and to pay special tribute to this year's Grand Marshal Linda Gallagher-Lomanto, to be held in Brooklyn, New York; prior to the parade, the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, Linda Gallagher-Lomanto will have the honor of leading the 27th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade down 3rd Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, March 22, 2020; 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, and the Irish-American community, as well as those who are Irish in spirit; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Grand Marshal Linda Gallagher-Lomanto, this year's Deputy Marshals include: Judy Conway, Tracy McDonagh Joerss, Eileen Tynion, Krissy Woods, Christopher Cody, Eric DiRamio, Steve McEvoy, Billy Murphy, and John Ward; and

WHEREAS, Gene Reilly, owner of the former Lief Erickson Pub on 5th Avenue, was responsible for organizing the first Annual Bay Ridge Saint Patrick's Day Parade; his mission was to share the Celtic culture and love of Irish Heritage; and

WHEREAS, For over a quarter of a century, the Bay Ridge Saint Patrick's Day Parade has made its mark on the history of Bay Ridge; by bringing residents and business owners from all parts of the community together, this annual traditional Irish event has become a staple of southern Brooklyn and of New York City; 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 the Brooklyn area 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 27th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held March 22, 2020, and to pay special tribute to this year's Grand Marshal Linda Gallagher-Lomanto; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Grand Marshal Linda Gallagher-Lomanto, and the aforementioned Deputy Marshals.