Assembly Resolution No. 941

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COMMEMORATING the 21st Annual Irish Parade of Camden, New York on March 23, 2024

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 State and Nation; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 21st Annual Irish Parade of Camden, New York on Saturday, March 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State of New York travel great lengths to watch and participate in this renowned parade, demonstrating an impressive commitment to rejoice in a shared sense of identity and celebration; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Marshal of this year's Irish Parade is Debbie Snyder, an Irish resident of Camden, who, as a result of this prestigious appointment, will have the honor of the leading the parade; this year's King and Queen are local Irish couple, Travis and Tina Bliss; and

WHEREAS, The parade features four bands: the Camden Continentals, the Syracuse Scottish Pipe Band, the Mohawk Valley Frasiers, and the 10th Mountain Division Band from Fort Drum; several area fire departments will also bring out their emergency vehicles for children and adults alike to marvel at throughout the parade; 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 Camden 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 21st Annual Irish Parade of Camden, New York on March 23, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Marshal, Debbie Snyder; Parade King and Queen, Travis and Tina Bliss; and event spokesperson, Meaghan Hayes.