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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alfred E. Smith IV upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the New York City 2013 St. Patrick's Day 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 honor Alfred E. Smith IV upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the New York City 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgement of this most prestigious appointment, Alfred E. Smith IV will have the honor of leading the 252nd consecutive New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Avenue on Sunday, March 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade marched for the first time in 1762, 14 years before the Declaration of Independence was signed in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the Parade is regarded as the most popular of all the Parades in New York City, and honors Saint Patrick - the patron Saint of the Archdiocese of New York and Ireland; and

WHEREAS, The New York Parade consists only of marchers and each year hosts some 250,000 marchers and two million spectators; the Parade has many outstanding marching bands, bagpipers in marching formations, high school and college bands from throughout the United States and from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Alfred E. Smith IV is CEO of AE Smith Associates, a firm he founded in 2009; and

WHEREAS, After attending Iona Prep and Villanova, Alfred E. Smith IV began his Wall Street career as an independent floor broker on the New York Stock Exchange; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Alfred E. Smith IV relocated to Chicago to join Mitchell-Hutchins, where he served as Vice President until 1979 when he returned to New York and was named Partner of CMJ Partners; in 1997, he

joined Bear Wagner as Managing Director; and

WHEREAS, In December 2006, Alfred E. Smith IV retired from his position as Managing Director of Bear Wagner Specialists LLC, a specialist and member firm of the New York Stock Exchange, after 35 successful years on Wall Street; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, Alfred E. Smith IV sits on the Boards of The Tony Blair Faith Foundation, Mutual of America, and Provectus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; he is a Senior Advisor for the Marwood Group, as well as Kroll Bond Rating Agency; and

WHEREAS, Alfred E. Smith IV also served as Chairman of the Board of Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers in New York; and

WHEREAS, Alfred E. Smith IV is the great-grandson of the legendary Al Smith, Governor of New York, and serves as the Director, Secretary, and Dinner Chairman for the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, as well as Master of Ceremonies at the annual Alfred E. Smith Foundation Dinner for the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, This great man's work on behalf of charities in New York and Connecticut is extensive; in addition to his work with the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation he serves as Chairman of the Irish Chamber of Commerce of the USA, Director of the Center for Hope, former Trustee of Calvary Hospital and served on the board of St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Alfred E. Smith IV is the Chairman of Hackers for Hope, an organization he founded in 1988 to raise money for cancer research and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Since their first "tournament" in 1988, Hackers for Hope has donated substantial funds to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers Comprehensive Cancer Center, and other organizations committed to finding a cure for and treating cancer; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal for the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, Alfred E. Smith IV 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 honor Alfred E. Smith IV upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the New York City 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alfred E. Smith IV.