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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 37th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10, 2013, and honoring the memory of Father John (Jack) Logan, O. Carm., who had been designated Grand Marshal of the Parade

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contribution to this State and Nation; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 37th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10, 2013, and to honor the memory of the late Father John (Jack) Logan, O. Carm., who, prior to his death, had joyfully been designated Grand Marshal of the Parade, to be held in Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, Organizers of this fine event, the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, is comprised of representatives of several Orange County organizations; the parade is the largest cultural event in Orange County and is also the biggest single-day celebration in Goshen; the parade, which will be 37 years old this year, is expected to draw 25,000 plus spectators; and

WHEREAS, Father Jack had his roots in Brooklyn, while his parents hail from County Galway; his family later settled in the Bronx where he attended Cardinal Hayes High School; he was a member of the Carmelite Friars in Middletown, which was founded by Carmelites from Dublin; and

WHEREAS, He was a graduate of St. Bonaventure University and was an educator for 14 years; he then served as Chaplain at Bellevue Hospital for 29 years; Father Jack had a keen love for Irish music and humor; in 2008, he began serving as Chaplain for AOH Division 4 and, all who knew him knew that St. Patrick's Day had a very special meaning to him; and

WHEREAS, Sadly, Father Jack entered into eternal rest on January 2, 2013; his contribution to the Irish community will continue with a celebration of his life; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated, joyful and hard-working Carmelite, Reverend John Colman Logan was a professed member of the Carmelite Order for 55 years and a priest for 48 years; he was dearly loved by his family, Carmelite brothers and the Irish community; cherished by all, he will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, His sister Bridget Logan Wilson and fellow Carmelite Priests will stand in for him as Grand Marshal and, in so doing will honor his life of caring and giving to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Jack was greatly honored to have been nominated to serve as the 2013 Grand Marshal and so very proud of his Irish heritage, the nomination for Grand Marshal gave him comfort in his last days; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish Culture and its fine traditions; 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 Orange County, the Mid-Hudson 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 37th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 10, 2013, and to honor the memory of Father John (Jack) Logan, O. Carm.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, and to the family of the late Father John (Jack) Logan, O. Carm., who, prior to his untimely death had been thrilled and greatly honored to have been named Grand Marshal of the 2013 Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade.