

Senate Resolution No. 396

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Christopher Ruddy upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn on February 9, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Christopher Ruddy upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn, to be celebrated at its 117th Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan will serve as this year's Keynote Speaker; and

WHEREAS, Founded on March 1, 1900, the Cathedral Club of Brooklyn is the primary Catholic lay organization in the Diocese of Brooklyn; its members work to advance Catholic interests, promote the moral improvement of its members, foster their Catholic spirit, and unite them through social gatherings held in pursuit of its mission; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Ruddy earned his Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude in History from St. John's University in New York; he furthered his education by obtaining his master's degree in Public Policy from the London School of Economics; he also studied Mid-East Politics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Christopher Ruddy served as a Media Fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University; he was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from St. John's University; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Christopher Ruddy founded Newsmax Media, Inc., a broadcasting and multimedia publishing company whose content covers news, politics, health, lifestyle and finance; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Newsmax Media, Inc. launched Newsmax TV, a 24/7 informational and lifestyle network; the company's flagship website, Newsmax.com, is consistently ranked as one of the country's most trafficked news websites with comScore reporting its total reach at 50 million Americans monthly; and

WHEREAS, As a journalist, Christopher Ruddy worked at the **New York Post** and the **Pittsburgh Tribune Review**; throughout his luminous career, he has conducted interviews with political, business, and world leaders,

including Bill Clinton, the late Sir John Templeton, Donald Trump and Mikhail Gorbachev; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his profession, Christopher Ruddy is a member of the Board of Directors of the Financial Publishers Association, the industry organization representing investment publications and their 25 million paid subscribers monthly; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Ruddy is also a member of the Kissinger Council of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), chaired by Dr. Henry Kissinger; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Christopher Ruddy upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn on February 9, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Ruddy.