

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Brian G. Xuereb upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2017 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to 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 commend Brian G. Xuereb upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2017 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be celebrated with a Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, Brian G. Xuereb will march as Deputy Marshal of the 24th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade down 3rd Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, March 26, 2017; 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, the Irish-American community, as well as those who are Irish in spirit; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Brian G. Xuereb was baptized at Our Lady of Angels Church and raised in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help; his ancestors are from the City of Limerick and County of Tyrone, Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Brian G. Xuereb was commissioned into the New York State Chaplain Task Force in December of 2016, and hopes to work as a Chaplain for the NYPD in the coming months; he has been a substance abuse counselor for four years, and currently serves as an instructor in the field; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for woodworking, Brian G. Xuereb builds furniture and toys for his family and friends, including his 11 nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Brian G. Xuereb is an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, where he continues to preserve his Irish heritage, culture and Catholic faith; 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, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal for the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Brian G. Xuereb 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 commend Brian G. Xuereb upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2017 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian G. Xuereb.