

## 2017-J811

Senate Resolution No. 811

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Christopher Byrne 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 Christopher Byrne 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, Christopher Byrne 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 May 29, 1985, Christopher Byrne is a lifelong resident of Bay Ridge; after attending P.S. 185 and I.S. 187, he later went on to Xavier High School, where he was a member of the JROTC and the hockey team; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to community service, Christopher Byrne has been a great supporter of various organizations some of which include Toys for Tots, Special Olympics, Autism Speaks, Viking Love, and the Polar Bear Plunge; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Byrne is actively involved with the 3rd Avenue merchants, and is a staunch supporter of the BID of both 3rd and 5th Avenues; he also gives of his time and energies to the Pour House during the Festival and the Summer Stroll; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his parents, Michael and Kathleen, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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, Christopher Byrne 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 Christopher Byrne 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 Christopher Byrne.