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Senate Resolution No. 3840

BY: Senator MURPHY

HONORING Armando "Chick" Galella upon the occasion
of his Installation as Grand Marshal of the Sleepy
Hollow St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging
its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their
community; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella will be installed as Grand Marshal
of the Sleepy Hollow St. Patrick's Day Parade during a dinner to be held
at the Westchester Manor on February 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella is a 1939 graduate of North
Tarrytown High School; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella enlisted in the United States Army
in 1940; he was stationed at Hickam Field, now known as Hickam Air Base,
next to Pearl Harbor, when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7,
1941; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella survived the attack but lost his
hometown friend John Horan that day; "Chick" still participates in
annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremonies in New York City and Suffern,
and successfully petitioned to rename a waterfront park in Sleepy Hollow

after his fallen comrade; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella served with honor for five years, reaching the highest rank that an enlisted man can achieve, Battalion Sergeant Major; he earned the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service and Bravery for the Battle of Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella enjoyed a successful civilian career as a mechanic at Tom Brown Chevrolet and, later, as a car salesman at Cawood Motors, now known as Frank Chevrolet; he retired in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella has contributed his time to countless organizations, including the Cub Scouts, the Pocantico Hook and Ladder Company, and the Immaculate Conception Church; he also served the Village as Trustee, Deputy Mayor, and Fire Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella was instrumental in the addition of three flagpoles behind the World War II Memorial in Patriot's Park, and conceived the idea of adding 400 American flags to the front lawn of Sleepy Hollow Middle School to commemorate Veteran's Day in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella also worked with elected officials to build a monument for Gold Star Mother's in Patriot's Park; he also plans and presides over the annual Memorial Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella has been honored as Grand Marshal of the Sleepy Hollow Columbus Day Parade in 2002, with induction into the Westchester County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, as Honorary Mayor for a Day, and as Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella and his late wife, Leda, are the proud parents of Armando Galella Jr. and Michael Galella; he has also been blessed with three grandchildren, Andrea, Melissa, and Bryce, and four great-grandchildren, AJ, Mia, Ellis, and Luke; and

WHEREAS, Armando "Chick" Galella is a wonderful role model and asset to his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Armando "Chick" Galella upon the occasion of his installation as Grand Marshal of the Sleepy Hollow St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Armando "Chick" Galella.