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Senate Resolution No. 3956

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Deirdre Cronin-Butler upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2018 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 Deirdre Cronin-Butler upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2018 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, Deirdre Cronin-Butler will march as Deputy Marshal of the 25th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade down 3rd Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, March 25, 2018; 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, Deirdre Cronin Butler was born to Maryann and Eugene Cronin

in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, where she spent her first nine years living on 84th Street along with her sister and brother, Laura and Gene; she attended St. Anselm's School, the alma mater of her father and many other family members and where her mother regularly volunteered; and

WHEREAS, Deirdre Cronin Butler is thankful to her parents for having instilled the importance of the Catholic faith and Catholic education as well as pride in her Irish heritage, which traces back to County Cork on both her mother's and father's side; and

WHEREAS, After her father retired from the FDNY, Deirdre Cronin Butler and her family moved to California, later settling in Lincroft, New Jersey, where she was a student at Red Bank Catholic High School; upon graduation, she earned her bachelor's degree in business and economics from Fordham University in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Deirdre Cronin Butler began her long and distinguished career in finance; in 1990, she returned to her hometown of Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, After a 20-year career in money management, Deirdre Cronin Butler left the industry to start her own business and, in January of 2011, opened Paws Truly Pet Boutique on 3rd Avenue; along with her business partner, and parade mascot, Seamus the Labradoodle, they have forged a second home on the Avenue where they have welcomed a wonderful group of customers turned friends; and

WHEREAS, Through her flourishing business, Deirdre Cronin Butler has graciously supported various community events and causes over the years

such as the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, The Kings County Memorial Day Parade, and Narrows Botanical Gardens Harvest Fest, as well

as numerous pet adoption events and donation collections for various worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband of 15 years, Michael Butler, who has shown her love and support and rejoices in her many 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, Deirdre Cronin-Butler 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 Deirdre Cronin-Butler upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2018 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deirdre Cronin-Butler.