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Senate Resolution No. 3958

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Mary McDonagh Manning 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 Mary McDonagh Manning 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, Mary McDonagh Manning 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, Mary McDonagh Manning was born to Thomas and Mary McDonagh

in County Galway in the picturesque, waterfront town of Roundstone; through her father's work as a farmer and a horse breeder, Mary fell in love with horses; and

WHEREAS, Mary McDonagh Manning and her brother, Paddy, organized horse and pony shows on the fairgrounds in her hometown of Roundstone, and for many years, she has served as an Executive Board Member of the Connemara Pony Society running successful showcases of this unique breed of pony for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Mary McDonagh Manning immigrated to the United States, and settled in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, where she attended cosmetology school; for numerous years, she worked as a beautician in her community; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Mary McDonagh Manning married the late Eugene Manning, a New York City Police officer; together, the couple raised three sons, Eugene, Paul, and Erik, in the Dyker Heights section of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mary McDonagh Manning has graciously donated her time and energy to worthy organizations and to anyone who needed a helping hand, especially Korean War and Vietnam War veterans; and

WHEREAS, In her much deserved retirement, Mary McDonagh Manning enjoys spending time with her five cherished grandchildren, Thomas, Ryan, Grace, Jack and Ava; and

WHEREAS, Mary McDonagh Manning also loves to spend Sunday mornings with her friends at the Kettle Black Restaurant in Bay Ridge, where she is affectionately known as Mother Teresa, the Patron Saint of the Kettle

Black; 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, Mary McDonagh Manning 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 Mary McDonagh Manning 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 Mary McDonagh Manning.