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Senate Resolution No. 3960

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Brother Campion Lally upon the occasion of his 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 Brother Campion Lally upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Marshal of the 2018 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, Brother Campion Lally 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, Robert Francis Lally was born to the late Francis and

Dorothy (Simon) Lally; he entered the Franciscan Brothers, an Irish Congregation from Mount Bellew, County Galway, Ireland, in January of 1955 from St. Francis Prep, taking the religious name Campion; recently, Campion Lally celebrated 62 years as a Franciscan Brother; and

WHEREAS, Brother Campion Lally earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from St. Francis College in 1964, and a Master of Science degree in mathematics education from Yeshiva University in 1966; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, Brother Campion Lally began his teaching career at St. Joseph's School in Babylon, New York; he next taught at St. Anthony's School in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, and then St. Mary, Star of the Sea, in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Brother Campion Lally was assigned to St. Francis Prep, where he taught both Latin and math; three years later, he was transferred to Bishop Ford High School; in 1967, he returned to St. Francis Prep as Chairman of the Math Department; and

WHEREAS, From 1983-1990, Brother Campion Lally held the title of Assistant Principal of St. Francis Prep; for his steadfast and unremitting commitment to education, he was named the Teacher of the Year by the Brooklyn Diocesan Catholic Teachers Association and the Emerald Society of the NYC Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the children of his community, Brother Campion Lally was elected to the Community School Board in District 14 (Greenpoint-Williamsburg) for 19 years, serving as its President for 11 years; concurrently, he was a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Francis College in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Brother Campion Lally then furthered his education at St. John's University School of Law, where he was awarded his Juris Doctor degree in 1991; after receiving his law degree, he worked as an attorney in the Legal Department of the New York City Human Resources Administration; and

WHEREAS, From 1994-1997, Brother Campion Lally served the Diocese of Rockville Centre as Executive Director of the Office of Health Ministry; in this capacity, he acted as Secretary of the Boards of Trustees of the hospitals, hospices and nursing homes of the Catholic Health Services of Long Island (CHS); and

WHEREAS, Brother Campion Lally has also been a vital member of the Continuing Care Board of CHS, the Foundation Board of Our Lady of Consolation Nursing and Rehabilitative Care Center in West Islip, New York, and the General Council of the Franciscan Brothers; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Brother Campion Lally is a participant of the St. Patrick Society of Brooklyn, and since 1993, he has served on the Board of Directors of St. Agnes Academic High School in College Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Brother Campion Lally works full time as Business Manager and In-house Counsel for the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, and is a member of their Congregational Finance Committee; his areas of practice include elder law, trusts and estates, and wills and real estate; 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, Brother Campion Lally 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 Brother Campion Lally upon the occasion of his 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 Brother Campion Lally.