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Senate Resolution No. 3961

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Stephen G. Gorton 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 Stephen G. Gorton 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, Stephen G. Gorton 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, Stephen G. Gorton was born to Roland J. Gorton Jr. and

Agnes T. (Beshears) Gorton in Bay Ridge where he attended Our Lady of Angels Elementary School; after graduating from Xaverian High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Creighton University; and

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Gorton furthered his education by obtaining his master's degree in information security; today, he works in the Information Technology area of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Dyker Heights, Stephen G. Gorton is an active parishioner and volunteer of Saint Ephrem's Church, serving as Commissioner of its Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Gorton holds the esteemed title of Grand Knight of the Thomas Dongan Council Knights of Columbus in Bay Ridge, and is an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 12 in Bay Ridge, where he continues to preserve his Irish heritage, culture and Catholic faith; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his valuable service to his church and his Irish brothers and sisters, Stephen G. Gorton has enjoyed working with the young people of his community as Commissioner of the Fort Hamilton Youth Basketball League, and coach at St. Ephrem's School; currently, he holds the position of co-Chair for the local bowling league; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Ann, and their two children, Stephen and Kristen, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his 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, Stephen G. Gorton 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 Stephen G. Gorton 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 Stephen G. Gorton.