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Senate Resolution No. 3963

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Connor Patrick O'Mara 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 Connor Patrick O'Mara 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, Connor Patrick O'Mara 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, A lifelong resident of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Connor Patrick

O'Mara was born to Richard and Maureen (Donnelly) O'Mara; he and his twin brother, Christopher, are third-generation descendants of great grandparents who hailed from Counties Limerick and Cork, Ireland, and the towns of Bay Bulls and Tors Cove, Newfoundland; and

WHEREAS, Connor Patrick O'Mara was a student at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Elementary School where, as an alumnus, he has volunteered as a referee in their Intramural Sports Programs, and is still a devoted parishioner; and

WHEREAS, Connor Patrick O'Mara was an exceptional student athlete at Cathedral Preparatory Seminary High School in Elmhurst, Queens, where he was instrumental in his team winning the 2007 C.H.S.A.A. City Baseball Championship; he was also named the 2007 Cathedral Prep Sportsman of the Year, and was elected to the 2007 C.H.S.A.A. All City Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Connor Patrick O'Mara earned his bachelor's degree in business management from St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights; he began his career working on Wall Street with several companies including BNY Convergex, Societe Generale, and ICAP North America; currently, he is an Operations Control Associate at Cantor Fitzgerald; and

WHEREAS, A proud Third-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Connor Patrick O'Mara is an esteemed Past Grand Knight of Thomas Dongan Council No. 1251 in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn; he is also a member of the Breezy Point Catholic Club Pipes & Drums where he plays bagpipes in all the local parades and memorials; and

WHEREAS, Connor Patrick O'Mara truly enjoys giving back to his

community by participating in holiday food drives benefitting the OLA Food Pantry, clothing drives for the Bay Ridge Center for Older Adults, and events for the Special Olympics, Cathedral Preparatory Seminary, and Wheelchairs for Warriors; and

WHEREAS, Ever the proud Irishman, Connor Patrick O'Mara has a deep love of family, friends, community, bagpipes, sports, Jammers Softball, St. Patrick's Legends Basketball, Fort Hamilton Roller Hockey, and anything related to Notre Dame; 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, Connor Patrick O'Mara 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 Connor Patrick O'Mara 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 Connor Patrick O'Mara.

