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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Butler upon the occasion of his selection as Deputy Marshal of the 22nd Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 22, 2015

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time for people of all nationalities and generations to assemble and celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Irish people throughout the United States; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Butler upon the occasion of his selection as Deputy Marshal of the 22nd Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Sunday, March 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Flatbush, Brooklyn, Michael Butler is the youngest child of Richard and Marie Catherine (Gallagher) Butler; and

WHEREAS, Michael Butler attended both St. Therese of Lisieux Grammar School and Bishop Ford High School in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Michael Butler enlisted in the Army and successfully completed boot camp in the winter of 1989; he then went on to graduate from Airborne School in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Michael Butler served his country as a member of the 10th Mountain Division Infantry Unit in the United States Army; in the winter of 1991, he was deployed to Egypt during the First Gulf War; after completing his active duty tenure, he joined the Army Reserve while he awaited appointment to the New York City Police Department (NYPD); and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Michael Butler moved to Bay Ridge to be closer to his family and friends; one year later, he joined the NYPD and was assigned to the Mid-Town South Precinct; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 20 year career, Officer Michael Butler was a vital member of several different sectors within the NYPD, including the Street Narcotics Unit (SNU), Manhattan North Narcotics Division, Counter-Terrorism Unit, and the Intelligence Division; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Officer Michael Butler was deployed overseas with his United States Army Reserve unit, the 340th Military Police Unit; he served for nine months in Kosovo, followed by a 15 month deployment to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-2004, where he earned the distinguished Bronze Star for his extraordinary service; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2004, Platoon Sergeant Michael Butler retired from the Army, and in December of 2013, he left the NYPD after having achieved the rank of Detective 1st Grade; today, he is employed in corporate security in New York City; and

WHEREAS, During his down time, Michael Butler can often be found helping out at his wife Deidre's business, Paws Truly Pet Boutique; he is also known as the "father" of "Seamus Labradoodle", the furry mascot of the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the 22nd Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Michael Butler embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Butler upon the occasion of his selection as Deputy

Marshal of the 22nd Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 22, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Butler.