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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joe Ryan upon the occasion of being selected as Grand Marshal of the Buchanan St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joe Ryan upon the occasion of being selected as Grand Marshal of the Buchanan St. Patrick's Day Parade to be celebrated with a "kick off" party prior to the Parade at the Buchanan Fire House on February 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ryan attended SUNY Plattsburgh; there, he met Elsworth Johnson, who introduced him to a neighbor, Frank Thomas, who was Principal of Blue Mountain Middle School; and

WHEREAS, After being offered a job by Principal Thomas, Joe Ryan enjoyed a successful 32 year career at Blue Mountain Middle School, retiring in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ryan was instrumental in the Living History Program; and

WHEREAS, Under his guidance, 3,211 students participated in the program, along with hundreds of parents; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ryan was recognized for his efforts six times by "Who's Who Among American Teachers;" he also received the Valley Forge Teacher Medal and was the first national winner of the Outstanding Teacher of American History award; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ryan is also Founder and President of the Living History Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ryan is the loving husband of Daisy, and the proud father of Jeremiah, Jennifer, and Leah; he has also been blessed with five grandchildren, Jack, Julia, Luke, Ben, and Joey; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ryan is a wonderful role model in the community and his

role as Grand Marshal is a fitting tribute to his legacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joe Ryan upon the occasion of being selected as Grand Marshal of the Buchanan St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joe Ryan.