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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of THE NATIONAL HERALD

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently, year after year, recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of THE NATIONAL HERALD; and

WHEREAS, Published continuously for the past 100 years, THE NATIONAL HERALD, also known as ETHNIKOS KYRIX, is the only daily Greek language newspaper in North America; and

WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL HERALD, now a century old, has kept Greek-Americans informed and enlightened about the two worlds that command their interest and shape their lives, Greece and the United States; it presents news, opinions, and feature stories of paramount interest to Greek-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Most importantly, THE NATIONAL HERALD has chronicled the journey of Greek-Americans in their new-found land from the struggles of the early immigrants to the many accomplishments they have achieved in the United States; and

WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL HERALD was founded in April of 1915, by the merchant Petros Tatanis; over the next several years, the newspaper was sold to various individuals within the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, Babis Marketos took over the company and remained its publisher for the next 30 years; in 1977, Eugene Rossides, a lawyer and undersecretary of the United States Treasury Department, became

publisher; and

WHEREAS, One year later, Eugene Rossides sold 50 percent of his stock to George Leonardos and Antonis Diamataris; in 1979, Mr. Diamataris purchased 100 percent of the stock of THE NATIONAL HERALD; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, THE NATIONAL HERALD relocated from Manhattan, New York, to its privately owned headquarters in Long Island City; the newspaper also maintains offices in both Boston and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, THE NATIONAL HERALD obtained its own high-speed presses; two years later, the doors of its Athens, Greece office opened for business, and an office was later added in Nicosia, Cyprus; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the need for an English language edition, the newspaper launched its weekly edition, which became an overnight success and quickly reached a substantial level of circulation; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, THE NATIONAL HERALD began its home delivery service to subscribers in New York and the surrounding states; one year later, an expansion of its home delivery reach included subscribers in the New England area; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, THE NATIONAL HERALD launched its own website; today, its website receives thousands of subscriptions annually from individuals all around the country and the world; in addition to the Greek paper of record in North America, it is recognized as the Greek website of record as well; and

WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL HERALD relocated to its current, privately owned ultra-modern headquarters in 2005, located in Long Island City, New York; and

WHEREAS, For a generation now, THE NATIONAL HERALD has been under the direction of its editor and publisher Antonis Diamataris; maintaining a high quality and relevant newspaper, he continues to deliver a superior

product to all of its readers, and serves as an expressive voice to the people of his community by providing a platform for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Our newspapers provide a tremendous service to citizens across the State of New York by keeping them informed about current events; the democracy of our State and Nation is strengthened by a responsible citizenry which is actively engaged in reading and kept abreast of news affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, As THE NATIONAL HERALD moves into the future, it carries with it the legacy of a distinguished journalistic history and an outstanding record of growth and achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of THE NATIONAL HERALD; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Antonis Diamataris, Editor and Publisher, THE NATIONAL HERALD.