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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Ladies Society of the Plattduetsche Retirement Home on April 19, 2015

WHEREAS, Senior citizens planted the seeds that made our communities grow and prosper; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of organizations which provide essential care and supportive services for elderly and disabled people, and serve to enhance the quality of life for our loved ones; 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 Ladies Society of the Plattduetsche Retirement Home; this momentous occasion was celebrated with a Dinner Dance on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant, Franklin Square, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1915, the Ladies Society of the Plattduetsche Retirement Home was formed to enhance the residents' quality of life in the Plattduetsche Retirement Home, a housing complex located in Franklin Square for those 65 years and older; the development, owned by the non-profit organization Plattduetsche Home Society, began as a retirement home for poor immigrants from Germany but is now available to all; and

WHEREAS, Conveniently located within walking distance of various businesses and restaurants, the Plattduetsche Retirement Home has two cars and a 12-passenger van which provide scheduled free trips to the green-grocer, supermarket and Roosevelt Field, among other places; the facility also provides transportation for medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, The Plattduetsche Retirement Home is beautifully maintained

and provides its residents with a geriatric case manager who runs informational sessions on such topics as memory loss and over-the-counter medications; in addition, a physical therapist, podiatrist, psychiatrist and medical doctors visit the development regularly; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, residents who have recently been discharged from the hospital can convalesce in the sickbay area which is constantly monitored by a nurse's aide; and

WHEREAS, The Plattduetsche Retirement Home also has a recreational director, and the Ladies Society organizes fundraisers, holiday parties and monthly birthday celebrations; the development's other activities include crafts, bingo, movies, word games and trips to such locations as Lido Beach, Atlantic City, the Amish Country and dinner theaters; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Ladies Society of the Plattduetsche Retirement Home is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Ladies Society of the Plattduetsche Retirement Home; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations which faithfully serve the needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality and dignity of life in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Ladies Society of the Plattduetsche Retirement Home on April 19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wendy Westerfeld, President of the Ladies Society of the Plattduetsche Retirement Home, Franklin Square, New York.