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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 130th Anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty

WHEREAS, It is the duty of this Legislative Body to bring such civic awareness as is due to significant and influential events memorialized in our national heritage; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty in recognition of her role as a universal symbol of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The Statue of Liberty was commissioned to commemorate the centennial of the American Declaration of Independence in 1876, arrived in New York Harbor on June 17, 1885, and was officially dedicated by President Grover Cleveland on October 28, 1886; and

WHEREAS, The Statue of Liberty was a joint effort between France and the United States and serves as a reminder of international cooperation and local community engagement, as both countries rallied their citizens to raise funds for this important national symbol; and

WHEREAS, A Presidential Proclamation declared Fort Wood and the Statue of Liberty to be a National Monument on October 15, 1924, and in later years expanded to include Liberty Island and Ellis Island, now attracting millions of visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, The Statue of Liberty has served as an inspiration to immigrants sailing past to arrive in America in pursuit of opportunity and is an icon for perseverance, acceptance, and the American Dream; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty, and recognizing the important symbolic role the Statue of Liberty holds in the fabric of American society and culture; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Park Service.