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Senate Resolution No. 2866

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMEMORATING the 125th Anniversary of the Danish Athletic Club on September 9, 2017

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of this Empire State, if the ingredients of shared concern and responsive endeavor combine in the commitment to society, there have emerged among the distinguished citizens of the State of New York certain organizations which warrant special recognition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Danish Athletic Club, to be celebrated with a Dinner Dance on Saturday, September 9, 2017, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, After more than a century, the Danish Athletic Club has become a true institution within the Bay Ridge Scandinavian community; and

WHEREAS, The Danish Athletic Club was founded in 1892, by Danish Immigrants eager to keep up the good feeling generated by the strong showing of Danish athletes in a December 1891 International tug-o-war contest; the event was held at Madison Square Garden and fostered a feeling of pride in Brooklyn's Danish Community; and

WHEREAS, The first formal meeting of the club was held in February of 1892, in Pipers Hall on Court Street; the organization grew rapidly in its early years, thanks in part to the Nordlyset, the Danish language newspaper, which publicized its activities; and

WHEREAS, Although the Danish Athletic Club was founded to promote participation in gymnastics and various other sports among members of Brooklyn's Danish-American community, it gradually expanded beyond sports activities into social and philanthropic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the Danish Athletic Club has hosted numerous meetings and seasonal events for organizations such as the Swedish Folk Dancers of New York, the Norwegian 17th of May Parade Committee, the Scandinavian Sports Club, Vasa Folk Dancers, Telemark Ski Club and the Sons of Norway; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 125 year history, the Danish Athletic Club has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Danish Athletic Club 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 Danish Athletic Club; and

WHEREAS, In light of its commitment, dedication and successful efforts, it is the custom of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Danish Athletic Club of Brooklyn, New York, New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Danish Athletic Club on September 9, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Danish Athletic Club, Brooklyn, New York.