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Senate Resolution No. 4184

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMEMORATING the 115th Anniversary of the
Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center,
Brooklyn, New York on November 7, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 115th Anniversary of the Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, to be observed with a Gala Celebration at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott Hotel, on Wednesday, November 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, located in Brooklyn, New York, is a full-service modern health care facility consisting of a 135 bed Skilled Nursing Facility, an 88 bed Assisted Living Facility, and a 28 bed Independent Living Facility; it also offers two beds for short-term respite care; and

WHEREAS, In addition, services are provided for physical, occupational and speech therapy to both discharged patients and to the

community at an on-site Outpatient Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, The Home had its beginnings early in the 20th Century when a Norwegian immigrant couple, George and Amanda Hanson, aware of the vulnerability of homeless Scandinavian women, decided to offer them refuge in their own home; and

WHEREAS, Eventually, the numbers grew to the point that their home was no longer adequate, and when Amanda Hanson could no longer be their sole caregiver, the couple solicited assistance from members of Norwegian-speaking churches; a committee was formed, leading to incorporation as a not-for-profit institution in 1903; and

WHEREAS, Within a year, a house was purchased at the location where the campus is currently situated; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, many facets of health care have evolved through the years and although the Home now serves the needs of all ethnic groups, its roots are a testament to the Norwegian forebears who displayed compassion for their fellow Norwegian immigrants; and

WHEREAS, That same compassion is the motivation for the commitment to the exceptional care provided to its patients, and to the residents who call it home; and

WHEREAS, Our community health centers serve the vital purpose of providing for the healthcare needs of our citizens through excellence in the delivery of medical services; and

WHEREAS, The Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, and its expert staff, has had a long and sustained commitment to the health and welfare of its unique and diverse community and therefore merits the

highest commendation of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 115th Anniversary of the Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, Brooklyn, New York.