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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Syracuse Stamp Club

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those illustrious organizations of distinguished purpose that have been committed to the pursuit of excellence and that bring great pride to the citizens of our great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to

commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Syracuse Stamp Club; and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse Stamp Club was founded on November 10, 1919, when a group of avid stamp collectors organized the club to promote and share their interests with one another and their community; they did so by holding meetings at the Onondaga Historical Society building, holding auctions once or twice a year, participating in the First Day ceremonies for the 1927 Saratoga commemorative stamp, and by holding a banquet on May 21, 1931, that featured the legendary collector, Arthur Hind; and

WHEREAS, The Club gradually continued to grow and in 1940, it signed on as a charter member of the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies; in the 1940s the club began hosting an annual stamp show and dinner, and many of its members had become philatelic specialists and had outstanding collections; and

WHEREAS, During the 1950s, the Syracuse Stamp Club continued to expand and in 1956, it merged with the Syracuse Women's Stamp Club, allowing female members for the first time in the club's history; in 1959, it began a monthly newsletter that eventually became the Stamp Insider; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1919, the Syracuse Stamp Club has seen many changes and vast growth; it has seen the type of collector shift to topical rather than general as was common in the club's beginning;

membership has continued to grow and auctions have become more frequent;
and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse Stamp Club has also served as a generational bridge by bringing junior collectors together with longtime members, ensuring that the Club will continue to grow and prosper with each new generation; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of President Michael Ammann, the Syracuse Stamp Club has exceptional officers and directors who are as enthusiastic, vigorous and hardworking as that of the forebearers, and continue to stand as a tribute to the club's founders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and pay tribute to the Syracuse Stamp Club for its 90 years of service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Ammann, President of the Syracuse Stamp Club.