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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Glen Cove Yacht Club of Glen Cove, New York, to be celebrated May 15, 2010

WHEREAS, Recreational boating is fun as well as an enjoyable activity in which many New York State residents actively participate during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge organizations of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the complexion of this majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Glen Cove Yacht Club of Glen Cove, New York, to be celebrated at its Annual Commissioning Day on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at the Clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, This special anniversary event will provide a marvelous way to relax, celebrate the Club's past, and enjoy the beauty of the Hempstead Harbor; and

WHEREAS, The Glen Cove Yacht Club, incorporated in 1960, is located at the foot of McLoughlin Street, just south of beautiful Morgan Memorial Park in Glen Cove, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Club occupies the site of the New York Yacht Club's (NYYC) historic Station No. 10, which was the original clubhouse of the NYYC, founded in 1844, making it the oldest yacht club in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Station 10 was moved from Hoboken, New Jersey, to Glen Cove, New York, on June 21, 1904, and was situated at the foot of Landing Road, in what is now Morgan Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, Station 10 was one of several "cruising stations" established

by the NYYC, where cruising yachtsmen could anchor overnight, obtain supplies, and make travel connections by trolley or rail; and

WHEREAS, Station 10's original location at the foot of Landing Road put it within walking distance of a trolley stop, and a resort hotel known as "The Hall"; the trolley made regular runs to the Long Island Rail Road Station at Glen Street, so that a yachtsman's cruising guests could easily make a train connection to New York City; and
WHEREAS, Station 10, consisting of the historic 1844 clubhouse and an adjacent Station Master's residence, stood at this location from 1904 to 1932; and

WHEREAS, In 1932, J. Pierpont Morgan purchased the property on which The Hall stood, along with several adjacent parcels, to construct a park in memory of his late wife; since the park was to encompass NYYC Station 10, the Station was moved several hundred feet south to a newly bulk headed tract of land at the foot of McLoughlin Street; and

WHEREAS, The old Station Master's residence was destroyed and a new one built at the McLoughlin Street site in the same gothic architectural style as that of Station 10; the yacht station continued to serve the NYYC membership until June 1949, when the NYYC announced it was loaning its last remaining yacht station to the Marine Historical Association's Mystic Seaport Museum; and

WHEREAS, On June 9, 1949, riggers expertly skidded Station 10 onto a waiting barge to begin the 90-mile trip to Mystic, Connecticut; for a period of 50 years, Station 10 served as a waterside visiting center and museum of yachting at Mystic Seaport; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, the NYYC reclaimed ownership of their original clubhouse and had it towed by barge to the grounds of their magnificent

mansion "Harbor Court" in Newport, Rhode Island, where it stands today; and

WHEREAS, When Station 10 left Glen Cove, the NYYC offered their former property and remaining Station Master's residence to the City of Glen

Cove; the City purchased the property in 1949, and for 10 years it was leased and operated as a bar and restaurant; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, realizing that the 10-year lease the City had granted was coming to an end, a group of boat owners approached the City about leasing the building for a yacht club; the City liked the idea, and in December of 1960 a charter was drafted for the Glen Cove City Yacht Club, which became incorporated that year; and

WHEREAS, From the beginning, the mission of the Glen Cove Yacht Club was to provide a low-cost alternative to expensive yacht clubs for the recreational boater and sailor, based upon a skilled membership that undertook all necessary Club maintenance; 50 years later, this still remains the underlying philosophy; and

WHEREAS, The rich history of the Glen Cove Yacht Club has formed it into the prominent organization it is today; in so effectively carrying out its mission, the Club exemplifies a spirit of community pride, and demonstrates the values of hard work, cooperative effort and enduring fellowship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Glen Cove Yacht Club of Glen Cove, New York, to be celebrated May 15, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Glen Cove Yacht Club, Glen Cove, New York.