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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City, to be celebrated on Thursday, May 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City was founded in February of 1986 as the first and only citywide Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Democratic organization in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The organization is named in honor of the Stonewall Rebellion of 1969, the beginning of the modern gay rights movement; in 1969, New York's gay community decided to fight back against the ongoing routine of police harassment and arrest of gay men, lesbians, and transgender people in Greenwich Village; and

WHEREAS, On June 27-28, 1969, a conflict erupted when the patrons of the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street, decided to stand up and fight to defend their rights to congregate at a gay bar; the engagement with the police went on for nearly a week and eventually led to a new policy by New York City and the police department to end the harassment and arresting of LGT people; and

WHEREAS, The Stonewall Democratic Club was founded to continue to fight for those rights; the most important issues of concern in 1986 were civil rights and health, and the founders wanted to create a strong voice that would represent the interests and concerns of the LGBT community; the goals were to influence policies on the city, state, and

national levels of government; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph G. Hagelmann, III, President of the Stonewall Democratic Club of New York City.