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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Sporting Club GJOA, in Brooklyn, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals and organizations that devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving the quality and character of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Sporting Club GJOA, in Brooklyn, New York, to be celebrated at its Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 9, 2011; and

WHEREAS, During this event, the Sporting Club GJOA will honor its founding members into the GJOA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 1911, members of the Norwegian Seamen's Association organized a sporting club; from the Scandinavian-American Athletic League in the early years, to the Cosmopolitan Junior Leagues today, GJOA members have excelled individually as well; their names can be found in the lists of National Soccer Hall of Fame members and of Herman Trophy winners; and

WHEREAS, Proud as the club is of the team that was three-time National Soccer League champions in the early 1960s, the 1931 tour of Norway holds a special place in club history; in 60 days, and playing against most of Norway's best teams, the boys from Brooklyn won 16 games, drew 7, and lost only 6; and

WHEREAS, An echo of that particular 1931 trip has been heard numerous times as GJOA youth teams have traveled to Norway, Minnesota and many tournaments throughout the Northeast; as important as the results of the games was the fostering of friendship through sport, and the lesson that soccer is indeed the game around the world; and

WHEREAS, Soccer's future depends on solid youth programs; at GJOA, the

volunteer staff not only supports both the boys and girls youth teams from U-8 through U-19, but also organizes and operates a soccer and softball team for adults; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Sporting Club GJOA sponsor many activities through the organization; this season it will have over 20 youth soccer teams, an Over-30 men's soccer team, and a number of dart teams; in addition, it has an active Ladies Club which actively supports the Nation's troops through their good works for the military families stationed at Fort Hamilton Army Base; and

WHEREAS, Aply led by Club President Craig Svendsen, Sporting Club GJOA continues to prosper today and into the future; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Sporting Club GJOA, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Sporting Club GJOA, in Brooklyn, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Club President Craig Svendsen, Sporting Club GJOA.