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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of John A. Noble, one of the Nation's most distinguished marine artists

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of historic and artistic significance whose creative talents have contributed to the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of John A. Noble, one of the Nation's most distinguished marine artists, to be celebrated on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, Staten Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Noble Maritime Collection is celebrating the occasion with year-long programs called Tides of 100 Years; and

WHEREAS, Born in Paris in 1913, John A. Noble, one of America's distinguished marine artists, was a man whose love of this country's maritime life was unbounded; and

WHEREAS, The son of the noted American Romantic painter, John Noble (1874-1934), John A. Noble spent his early years in the art studios of his father and his contemporaries; and

WHEREAS, John A. Noble moved with his family to Provincetown, Massachusetts in 1919, and later to New York City, as his father's prominence grew; and

WHEREAS, From 1928 until 1945, John A. Noble worked as a seaman on schooners and in marine salvage; and

WHEREAS, In 1928, while on a schooner that was towing out down the Kill van Kull, the waterway that separates Staten Island from New Jersey, John A. Noble saw the old Port Johnston coal docks for the first time; and

WHEREAS, John A. Noble took a job as a watchman there and began to build his floating studio from salvaged vessel parts; and

WHEREAS, From 1946 on, John A. Noble devoted himself exclusively to his art; and

WHEREAS, Often accompanied by his wife, Susan, John A. Noble set off from the houseboat in a rowboat to explore the Harbor; these explorations resulted in a unique record of Harbor history in which its characters, industries, and vessels are faithfully recorded; and

WHEREAS, John A. Noble's lithographs, drawings, oil paintings and writings, along with his marine photographs, are housed at the Noble Maritime Collection, in a former mariners' dormitory on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden; and

WHEREAS, The museum's centerpiece is John A. Noble's houseboat studio; and

WHEREAS, The museum, founded in 1987, celebrates the people and traditions of the working waterfront with exhibitions, programs, and through public access to its maritime art library and archives; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of John A. Noble, one of the Nation's most distinguished marine artists; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Noble Maritime Collection at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, Staten Island, New York.