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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 61st Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 61st Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In early 1950, a group of local homeowners decided to form an organization to address the needs and concerns of the community; a constitution was drafted and in 1951, the East Elmhurst Civic Association was formally chartered; and

WHEREAS, During its humble beginnings, the East Elmhurst Civic Association held its meetings in homes throughout the community; as this vital organization grew, a committee was formed and a Club House was purchased on Ditmars Boulevard which served as its meeting place the third Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast dedication to the community it so ably serves, the East Elmhurst Civic Association sponsored the famous Spring Neighborhood "Trip Around the World" where tickets were sold and guided tours of designated homes were arranged; County Fairs were held for one week each summer on the Club House grounds, and a youth baseball team was formed; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of then President Jerome Hardeman, a day care center was sponsored by the organization in the mid-1960s; built at

Gilmore Street and Astoria Boulevard, the center was later renamed the Jerome Hardeman Day Care Center in honor of his legacy and leadership; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, then President Emalena Davis urged the Executive Board to expand membership to include the residents of Corona; during this time, the charter was amended and the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 61 year history, the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; the subsequent creation of the Scholarship Program has allowed the organization to donate to community youth and to support them in obtaining a college education; and

WHEREAS, The success of the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 61st Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the East Elmhurst-Corona Civic Association.