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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 105th Anniversary of Faerder Lodge No. 109, Sons of Norway, on April 23, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations and individuals who foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York 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 105th Anniversary of Faerder Lodge No. 109, Sons of Norway to be celebrated at a luncheon held on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at Bay Ridge Manor in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of Norway organization was founded in January of 1895, when a small group of 18 Norwegian immigrants came together in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to create a mutual assistance group which would support members of its community in times of need; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Sons of Norway has grown exponentially while fulfilling its noble mission, and is now an international organization with a vast network of members and lodges throughout North America and Norway; and

WHEREAS, Originally chartered on January 6th, 1911, Faerder Lodge No. 109 of Brooklyn, New York, is the oldest Sons of Norway lodge on the Eastern Seaboard; and

WHEREAS, Taking its name from the Faerder Fyr lighthouse in Oslofjord, Norway, Faerder Lodge No. 109 has served as a guiding light for many Norwegian Americans who have emigrated to the United States; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of the Norwegian Colony in Brooklyn since its inception, Faerder Lodge No. 109 has supported numerous charities

including the Norwegian Children's Home, the Norwegian Christian Home, Eger Home, Camp Norge, Norwegian Seamen's Church; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Faerder Lodge No. 109 proudly supported the Red Cross, President Roosevelt's Fund, American Relief for Norway, Little Norway and the Norwegian Seaman's Fund; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed lodge has worked in recent years, to support BRAVO, the Norwegian Immigration Association, Scandinavian East Coast Museum, Sons of Norway Foundation, Ski for Light, Vinland Center, and Third District Charitable Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Today, the dedicated members of the Faerder Lodge continue to hold monthly business and social meetings, while also sending delegates to important organization events like the Biennial District Convention and International Convention; and

WHEREAS, As it looks forward to the future with confidence, Faerder Lodge continues to work hard to generate interest in its organization while striving to promote Norwegian Heritage and Culture; and

WHEREAS, The success of Faerder Lodge No. 109 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 this exceptional institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those organizations whose commitment and cultural pride have contributed to the 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 105th Anniversary of Faerder Lodge No. 109, Sons of Norway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Faerder Lodge No. 109, Sons of Norway.