

## 2013-K843

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Paul J.Q. Lee, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community, on January 18, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body mourns the death of Paul J.Q. Lee, of Chinatown, New York, who died on January 18, 2014, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, An activist, businessman, and actor, Paul J.Q. Lee distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Paul J.Q. Lee was committed to the well-being of his community and was a passionate advocate on many local issues; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Chinatown, Paul J.Q. Lee's involvement began via his family business, Quong Yuen Shing & Co. on Mott Street, an imported goods store opened in 1891 by his grandfather; by the time it closed in 2003, the store had become more of a community center; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the arts as well, Paul J.Q. Lee had more than a dozen film credits, and had small roles in such movies as "Big Trouble in Little China," and "Big"; he also developed a reputation as a go-to location scout for film companies looking to shoot in Chinatown; and

WHEREAS, For the last decade of his life, Paul J.Q. Lee worked as a community liaison for the New York City Housing Authority, working to ensure that residents in New York City public housing received the services they needed; and

WHEREAS, Paul J.Q. Lee's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of

humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; he will be remembered for his generosity, kindness, and tireless efforts on behalf of the diverse members in his community; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 29 years, Janny Lee, Paul J.Q. Lee is survived by his older sister, Patricia Farley, and younger brother, Warren Lee; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Paul J.Q. Lee leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Paul J.Q. Lee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Paul J.Q. Lee.