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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander John Chang upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, John Chang has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander John Chang upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion to be celebrated at its annual dinner on Sunday, March 16, 2014, at the Eagles Nest in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, One of the fundamental aims of the American Legion was to create a fraternity based upon firm comradeship, born of war service, and dedicated to equitable treatment for all veterans, particularly the suffering and disabled, their widows and children; and

WHEREAS, John Chang of Tarrytown, New York, was born in New York City to Ju and Eng Lun Chang; he graduated from Hastings High School and later achieved a Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy in 1972; in 1980, he became a pharmacist in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New York; and

WHEREAS, Two years later, John Chang joined the United States Army Reserves, and was deployed during Desert Storm and Operation Joint Endeavor; in addition, he served several other positions at numerous military hospitals across the country and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished military career, John Chang has

always devoted himself to serving his country and providing a positive role model for his soldiers; in 2005, he retired with the esteemed rank of Lieutenant Colonel after 24 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, With over 27 years of continued service to both the Sons of the American Legion and The American Legion, John Chang earned his Legion entitlement through his father, Ju Y. Chang, a veteran of World War II; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2008, John Chang graduated from The Department of New York American Legion College, and in October of 2011, he graduated from The National American Legion College in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the Sons of the American Legion, John Chang held offices at both the Squadron and Detachment levels; he completed two years as Detachment-Vice Commander for the 1st and 9th Districts, and is a member of the Lieutenant B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Squadron 1291, as well as Lieutenant B.R. Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Priscilla, their daughter Lisa (Matthew), and one grandchild Desmond, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which John Chang has displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander John Chang upon

the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Detachment Commander John Chang, Sons of the American Legion.