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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION expressing sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the South Korean community in the wake of the sinking of the ferry, Sewol, which capsized off the coast of Jindo Island on Wednesday, April 16, 2014

WHEREAS, In the proud tradition of the people of the State of New York, this Legislative Body expresses its sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the people of the Republic of Korea in the wake of the sinking of the ferry, Sewol, and applauds all those who acted immediately and heroically in the face of danger, risking their own lives to bring others to safety; and

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, April 16, 2014, the ferry, Sewol, capsized off the coast of Jindo Island, Jindo-gun, South Korea, carrying approximately 443 passengers, including 325 students and their teachers from Danwon High School, traveling to Jeju Island on a school trip; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 130 people have been reported as safely rescued from the frigid waters; and

WHEREAS, A total of 47 divers were conducting search operations, while 198 rescue ships and 37 airplanes were deployed in the search for survivors; and

WHEREAS, With the cause of this horrific accident still undetermined, authorities are attempting to bring answers to grieving loved ones suffering the pain and devastation of losing a cherished member of their family or not yet knowing the fate of their missing loved one; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of New York stand steadfast in their solidarity with the South Korean community victimized by the tragic event of April 16, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to express sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the South Korean community

in the wake of this tragedy, and to extend the sympathy and heartfelt prayers of all New Yorkers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Consul General of the Republic of Korea in New York,
Se-joo Son.