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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hyung Bin Im upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Dedication Award by the Korean American Parents Association on September 13, 2014

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 who would devote themselves 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 honor Hyung Bin Im upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Dedication Award by the Korean American Parents Association; he will be honored at his 90th birthday celebration on Saturday, September 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Originally from Gyeong-Gi Province in the Republic of Korea, Hyung Bin Im is a graduate of the prestigious Kyung Hee University and a veteran of the Korean War; he immigrated to the United States in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, this esteemed man has devoted his life to enriching the lives of Korean American senior citizens through his work as founding President of the Korean American Seniors Association of New York and numerous other support organizations; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, he established the Senior Counseling Center to provide social services, English classes, senior housing programs and assistance in applying for US Citizenship; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Hyung Bin Im founded the Korean American Mutual Association in 1996 for the purposes of providing monetary assistance to families of deceased senior citizens; the organization has since grown

to include over 8,400 registered members; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic duty, Hyung Bin Im formed the Senior Citizen Voters Federation of New York and established 17 local offices in all five boroughs throughout New York City, allowing senior citizens to participate in the Voters Registration Campaign; and

WHEREAS, His commitment to his community was further illustrated through his establishment of the Korean American Senior Center in Flushing, a place for seniors to gather to socialize with their peers; the Center provides social services and a free lunch program on weekends, as well as numerous recreational programs, such as aerobics classes and dance lessons that promote healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Hyung Bin Im has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Hyung Bin Im has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hyung Bin Im upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Dedication Award by the Korean American Parents Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hyung Bin Im.