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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring veteran Jung Yeal Kim for his distinguished military service in the Vietnam War on Veterans Day 2014

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor veteran Jung Yeal Kim for his distinguished military service in the Vietnam War on Veterans Day 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 5, 1946, in Korea, Jung Yeal Kim served his country as a member of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps as a sergeant from 1967 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, On May 30, 1969, Jung Yeal Kim was deployed to serve in the Vietnam War until June of 1970; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Jung Yeal Kim became the Executive Director of the Korean Veterans Association of Eastern United States of America; four years later, he became the Vice President of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Jung Yeal Kim operates a restaurant and, every year, he participates in the Veterans Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize

that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Jung Yeal Kim demonstrated his love for his country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Jung Yeal Kim deserves to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for his service and for his dedication to his community, his State and his Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor veteran Jung Yeal Kim for his distinguished military service in the Vietnam War on Veterans Day 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to veteran Jung Yeal Kim.