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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring veteran Jae Koan 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 Jae Koan Kim for his distinguished military service in the Vietnam War on Veterans Day 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jae Koan Kim of Flushing, Queens, New York, was born on February 16, 1947, in South Chungcheong Province in Korea; and

WHEREAS, After attending a seminary school, Jae Koan Kim was deployed to serve as a radio operator in the Vietnam War in 1971, as part of the famous Republic of Korea Capital Division, which is also referred to as the "Fierce Tiger" division; the Tigers division was one of the first units to be deployed to Vietnam to fight alongside United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, After one year of wartime duty, Jae Koan Kim retired as a Sergeant in the Republic of Korea Army; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Jae Koan Kim immigrated to the United States, and spent several years working and volunteering at various churches; he then opened and successfully operated a nail salon; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Jae Koan Kim has been a member of the Korean Veterans Association, Northeast Region, United States of America; recently, he was chosen to serve as the General Manager of the organiza-

tion; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Jong In Kim, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements;

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, Jae Koan Kim demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Jae Koan 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 Jae Koan 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 Jae Koan Kim.