

## 2015-J935

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending outgoing President Won Chul Choi for his outstanding service and commitment to the Korean Seafood Association of New York, Inc. on March 21, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the leaders of commerce and industry who contribute to the economic health and prosperity and to the quality of life of the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend, outgoing President Won Chul Choi for his outstanding service and commitment to the Korean Seafood Association of New York, Inc. (KSANY) to be celebrated with a party on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at KumGanSan Manor, Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in January 1977, KSANY has protected the rights of Korean seafood retailers in the seafood business and provided educational and financial support to local seafood businesses; and

WHEREAS, Won Chul Choi, elected as the 21st President of KSANY in 2013, has been a valued and involved member of KSANY for many years, and has served the organization in numerous capacities, including most recently as President; and

WHEREAS, Under his able leadership, KSANY held its annual Scholarship Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament on April 23, 2013, and again on April 29, 2014, and as a result, each year, 15 students in need were offered a scholarship; and

WHEREAS, On June 27, 2013, KSANY held a seminar to provide their members with helpful information on minimum wage, overtime and other topics related to employment and labor laws in New York; and

WHEREAS, Under Won Chul Choi's leadership, members of KSANY partic-

ipated in fundraising efforts to aid an employee at Hunts Point who was suffering from cancer, and on July 12, 2013, KSANY donated a significant amount to help manage his treatments; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, many Korean seafood retailers at Fulton Fish Market have been the victims of unfair treatment and deceptive practices by some wholesalers, who mislabel names, prices and weights of fish offered for sale; Won Chul Choi's role has been instrumental in ensuring that Korean seafood retailers' voices are heard and taken into consideration; and

WHEREAS, Won Chul Choi has served KSANY and its members for the past two years with dedication to protect the rights of Korean Americans in the seafood business and foster positive relationships with other communities, including cultural groups, educational institutions, and governmental agencies; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend outgoing President Won Chul Choi for his outstanding service and commitment to the Korean Seafood Association of New York, Inc. on March 21, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing President Won Chul Choi.