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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn Asian Civilian Observation Patrol for their noble commitment to serving their community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those civilian groups which volunteer their time for the welfare of their communities, acting in cooperation with law enforcement personnel in the interest of maintaining public safety; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Asian Civilian Observation Patrol for their noble commitment to serving their community; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Asian Civilian Observation Patrol (BACOP), founded on January 29, 2014, is a neighborhood watch program in partnership with the New York Police Department; its mission is to work with the police department to promote neighborhood safety, and serve as a bridge between the police department and the Chinese immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, Currently, BACOP consists of 50 active members, three patrol cars and a 4x4 patrol vehicle; they patrol between Sunset Park and Borough Park seven days a week, from 10pm until 4am; and

WHEREAS, BACOP's members have volunteered countless hours of their time and energies to make their community a safer and stronger place to live and raise a family; this vital organization not only provides language translation for police officers which helps to reduce crime, but also assists the police department to secure and extend the safety net for the local community; and

WHEREAS, BACOP's members provide immediate assistance to police officers and act as a liaison between the police officers and the community, and by doing so, they successfully tighten the relationship between law enforcement agencies and the immigrants residing in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The success of the BACOP is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Public order and civility on the streets of our communities is certainly advanced by the civic-mindedness of community groups, such as the Brooklyn Asian Civilian Observation Patrol, that organize effective and diligent neighborhood crime watches; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Asian Civilian Observation Patrol for their noble commitment to serving their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Asian Civilian Observation Patrol.