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Senate Resolution No. 151

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Han Gao upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Prisoners' Legal Services on October 5, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Han Gao has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Han Gao upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Prisoners' Legal Services to be celebrated during its Annual Event for National Pro Bono Week on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at Albany Law School, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Han Gao 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, A third year student at Cornell Law School, Han Gao gives tirelessly of himself to pro bono legal work, particularly in the area

of immigrants and prisoners; and

WHEREAS, As an immigrant himself, has a true passion for helping these individuals navigate the complex legal system of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Han Gao plans to practice patent law, and will continue his pro bono work, advocating for those in need; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Han Gao has displayed throughout his life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Han Gao upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Prisoners' Legal Services on October 5, 2016, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Han Gao.