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Assembly Resolution No. 767

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CONGRATULATING the Republic of Korea on its selection as host for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, and commemorating its efforts to successfully administer the world's premier international sports event

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the most celebrated and significant events of the world, and to recognize their effect on the many, diverse residents of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Olympic Winter Games represent the very pinnacle of international competitive sports, and the Olympic Games have long been lauded for their universal importance and worldwide impact, particularly in relation to promoting peace, cooperation, solidarity between countries; and

WHEREAS, Korean Americans, who form a large, vibrant community in New York, represent a long and storied part of the American fabric, having made numerous contributions to science, law, business, art, and many other fields, and represented the United States in previous Olympic Games with distinction, including as bronze, silver, and gold medal winners; and

WHEREAS, PyeongChang will be the site of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, and its successful bid to bring the first ever Winter Olympic Games to the Republic of Korea, thirty years after the 1988 Summer Olympic Games were held in Seoul, the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of the Olympic Truce, the Republic of Korea has successfully negotiated an agreement to fly a unified flag for the two Koreas, and to have their respective delegations march together at the start of the Olympics' opening ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Many Korean Americans in the State of New York maintain profound ties to the Korean peninsula through their family and culture, and the 2018 Olympic Games, in continuing a long-standing tradition of serving as a symbol of peace and unity, represent a momentous event for both them and countless other New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, PyeongChang will officially host the XXIII Olympic Winter Games from February 9, 2018 to February 25, 2018, having previously been selected by the International Olympic Committee on July 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the historic occasion of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang County, South Korea, and to congratulate the Republic of Korea on its role as host of this year's Olympic Games; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pauses in its deliberations to commemorate the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics, and to congratulate the Republic of Korea as the host country for the XXIII Olympic Winter Games; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the Korean American Community of New York.