

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Yeong Bae Choi upon the occasion of his designation as a 2013 Memorial Day Distinguished Veteran Honoree

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Members and former members of the Armed Services of the United States and its allies 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 peace time, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize Yeong Bae Choi upon the occasion of his designation as a 2013 Memorial Day Distinguished Veteran Honoree; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Monday, May 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Chief Executive Officer of the Golden Choi Realty Investment Group, Yeong Bae Choi is also President of the Korean Marine Corps Veterans Association of Eastern U.S.A.; he served in the Republic of Korea Marine Corps as a sergeant from 1975 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Yeong Bae Choi immigrated to the United States in 1980 and became one of the first Korean Americans in the beauty supply business; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Yeong Bae Choi received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which was presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations to commemorate and recognize Americans of all ethnic backgrounds who have made significant contributions to our society; and

WHEREAS, Yeong Bae Choi has also served as the Chairperson of the Korean American Law Enforcement Advisory Council, established in 1997 and dedicated to serving the Korean American Community by bridging the gap between law enforcement and Koreans in Greater New York; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Yeong Bae Choi, the Korean American Law Enforcement Advisory Council formed a civilian patrol unit in 2000 to prevent crimes in the Flushing, New York, community; the Council also raised funds to assist families in need, and provided scholarships to 20 children of New York Police Department officers; and

WHEREAS, Yeong Bae Choi became the Korean American coordinator of the 109th Police Precinct in 2005; as the coordinator, he bridged the cultural and language gap and helped Korean American businesses and residents gain protection from crimes by acting as a liaison with the New York Police Department; he also served in the New York Police Department's auxiliary police from 2005 to 2009; and

WHEREAS, Yeong Bae Choi obtained his MBA degree from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies; he earned his Ph.D. in Business Administration from Ashwood University, and is a graduate of the New York City Citizens Police Academy program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his military, professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Yeong Bae Choi has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Our veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Yeong Bae Choi upon the occasion of his designation as a 2013 Memorial Day Distinguished Veteran Honoree; and be it further

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

mitted to Yeong Bae Choi.