LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Mu Hwan Kim 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 Mu Hwan Kim 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, President of Vietnam War Veterans Association of New York, Mu Hwan Kim was born in Gun wi, Kyun gsang book do, Korea; at age 15 he moved to Seoul and worked at the Army supply company while attending high school; and

WHEREAS, In 1965 Mu Hwan Kim enrolled in the Republic of Korea Army and served alongside United States Armed Forces in the Vietnam war as part of the Menho Fighting Tiger unit; in 1967, he again served in the Vietnam War in the Beckma White Horse unit; and

WHEREAS, After 36 months of wartime duty, Mu Hwan Kim retired as a sergeant in the Republic of Korea Army; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Mu Hwan Kim immigrated to New York City and joined the Vietnam War Veterans Association of New York; he has been an active member for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mu Hwan Kim serves as the 9th President of Vietnam War Veterans Association of New York; he is instrumental in having all members of the association united and working together; and

WHEREAS, Mu Hwan Kim has been honored for his participation with both the Menho Fighting Tiger and Beckma White Horse units in the Vietnam war; he also received awards of the divisional commander and regimental commander; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his military, professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mu Hwan Kim 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 Mu Hwan Kim 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 transmitted to Mu Hwan Kim.