

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the American Cancer Society Eastern Division Asian Initiatives & Helping Hands Foundation upon the occasion of its 4th Annual Journey of Hope Gala on June 13, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the American Cancer Society Eastern Division Asian Initiatives & Helping Hands Foundation upon the occasion of its 4th Annual Journey of Hope Gala; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at Leonard's in Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service; the year 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Eastern Division Asian Initiatives & Helping Hands Foundation works closely with elected officials in its mission to reduce the burden of cancer in New York's substantial Asian and Asian American population through cancer prevention, service, research, education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Asian Initiatives delivers immeasurable impact and great value to the community by promoting prevention and early detection, offering free screenings for underinsured individuals, providing support and guidance to cancer patients and their families and helping to improve these patients' quality of life during their cancer journey; it hopes to save lives and create more birthdays by prolonging the lives of patients, both physically and spiritually and to galvanize the Asian community in embracing our important mission; and

WHEREAS, The Journey of Hope Gala is supported by prominent members of New York and New Jersey's philanthropic community leaders and is one of the American Cancer Society Asian Initiatives' distinguishing events; and

WHEREAS, At the 2013 Journey of Hope Gala, the American Cancer Society Eastern Division Asian Initiatives & Helping Hands Foundation will be honoring Mun K Hong, M.D., the Director of Interventional Cardiology and Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory of St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals; George F. Heinrich, M.D., Chairman of NYHQ; and Vincent A. Benenati, Chief Executive Officer of East Coast Orthotic and Prosthetic Corporation for their significant contributions and outstanding services to the community; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the American Cancer Society Eastern Division Asian Initiatives & Helping Hands Foundation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the American Cancer Society Eastern Division Asian Initiatives &

Helping Hands Foundation upon the occasion of its 4th Annual Journey of Hope Gala; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Cancer Society Eastern Division Asian Initiatives & Helping Hands Foundation.