

BY: Senator LIU

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of the Korean
American Association of Greater New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Korean American Association of Greater New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1960, the Korean American Association of Greater New York (KAAGNY) has long advocated for the welfare and protection of the rights and interests of over half a million diasporic Koreans living in the Greater New York area; and

WHEREAS, A non-profit organization, KAAGNY has served to connect Korean Americans to one another as well as to the American mainstream; and

WHEREAS, KAAGNY also acts as an umbrella organization to 500 other Korean American organizations which provide Korean Americans of all ages and economic backgrounds with assistance and services in numerous areas, including education, culture, vocational help, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization continues to exchange ideas and establish synergistic relationships with other regional and ethnic organizations through various community activities; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, KAAGNY also attempts to foster a strong sense of Korean American identity and consciousness for future generations, and nurtures the untapped potential of individual Korean Americans to promote the development of an ever-growing and productive immigrant community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The KAAGNY building is located in Chelsea, Manhattan, and was acquired in 1983 through the generous contributions from the Korean American community during the term of the 17th KAAGNY President Ikjo Kang; and

WHEREAS, The success of the KAAGNY is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor those

organizations and individuals of significance who add strength, vigor, and inspiration to the ethnic diversity and quality of life in the communities of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Korean American Association of Greater New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Korean American Association of Greater New York.