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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andrew Zhu upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Student Volunteer of the Year Award by Reaching-Out Community Services on April 28, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrew Zhu upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Student Volunteer of the Year Award by Reaching-Out Community Services to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner and Gala at Rex Manor in Brooklyn, New York, on Thursday, April 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, A young man of singular distinction, Andrew Zhu has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and to his school and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Zhu has volunteered at Reaching-Out Community Services for the past year and a half; he has fulfilled his school's requirement of 50 hours of community service and has continued to generously volunteer his time to the organization; and

WHEREAS, A junior student at New Utrecht High School, Andrew Zhu came to the United States from China in 2000 at the age of six; he has shared his story of facing many adversities while growing up in the United States, but has since realized hardships make us stronger; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Zhu demonstrates all the qualities of a fine young man who is strongly dedicated to the fight against hunger and is passionate about helping those in his community who are less fortunate; he has brought with him the simple teachings of his culture on the opposite side of the world, which includes the notion that we are here on earth, for the good of all mankind; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blend-

ing of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by Andrew Zhu; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Andrew Zhu upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Student Volunteer of the Year Award by Reaching-Out Community Services on April 28, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Zhu.