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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Aglaia Balta for her dedication and service as the Consul General of Greece in New York, and congratulating her on her new assignment as the Greek Ambassador to Chile

WHEREAS, New York State's role as an international hub of commerce and cultural exchange gives our State the distinction of hosting many members of the diplomatic community; and

WHEREAS, Those who represent their home countries with dignity and grace while immersing themselves in local communities foster mutual admiration between societies and ensure productive relations between states; and

WHEREAS, Few diplomats embody this spirit more completely than Aglaia Balta, the Consul General of Greece in New York since 2006, who was recently awarded for her tremendous service by being named Ambassador of Greece in Chile; and

WHEREAS, During her time in New York, Consul General Balta developed deep, lasting relationships within the State's Greek-American community, taking important steps towards raising cultural awareness and lending a powerful voice to causes held dear by New Yorkers of Hellenic descent; and

WHEREAS, Prior to Consul General Balta's arrival in New York, she served at the Foreign Ministry of Greece in Athens as the Deputy Head of the Diplomatic Cabinet and the European Correspondent for Common Foreign Security Policy; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Balta was elevated to these positions following a distinguished career in diplomatic posts throughout the world, including in the United Kingdom, South Korea, and Belgium; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Balta began her diplomatic career in 1984 as an Attache at the Greek Foreign Ministry Affairs-Asia Directorate after

receiving her Law Degree from Athens University; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Balta was born in Athens and is married to Dimitri Alexandrakis, Greek Ambassador to Brazil, with whom she has a son, Menelaos; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who contribute to positive relations between nations and demonstrate a commitment to serving the public good 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 Aglaia Balta for her dedication and service as the Consul General of Greece in New York, and to congratulate her on her new assignment as the Greek Ambassador to Chile; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aglaia Balta.