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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Hamilton-Madison House upon the occasion of hosting its 36th Annual June Lee Chinatown Banquet, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on June 12, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 who would devote themselves 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 Hamilton-Madison House upon the occasion of hosting its 36th Annual June Lee Chinatown Banquet, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on Friday, June 12, 2015, at Jing Fong Restaurant, Chinatown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this esteemed organization is privileged to recognize outstanding members of the community who have made significant contributions to the Chinatown community; this year's distinguished honorees include Cory Koven, who will receive the Humanitarian Award, and Two Bridges Neighborhood Council, the recipient of the Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, June Lee, founder of the Annual Chinatown Banquet, emigrated to New York City from Lombok, Indonesia, in 1949; a successful business woman, mother, and community leader, she served as a member of the Hamilton-Madison House Board of Directors for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton-Madison House is a voluntary, non-profit settlement house dedicated to improving the quality of life of its community, primarily those in the Two Bridges/Chinatown area of Manhattan's Lower East Side, operating in 18 sites; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 1898, Hamilton-Madison House has

been a part of the settlement house movement in New York City that has pioneered the development and protection of humane policies and programs; these efforts have fostered social well-being among the most vulnerable populations including children, the elderly, the ill, the handicapped, new immigrants, refugees and the unemployed; and WHEREAS, This vital organization provides programs such as early-childhood education, youth development services, senior services, mental health and addiction treatment services, as well as immigrant/community services; and

WHEREAS, Senior Centers offer its more than 5,000 seniors over the age of 62, health, social and nutritional services; the Behavioral Health Program is the largest outpatient clinic focused on the Asian community on the East Coast; and

WHEREAS, The Early Childhood Educational Program offers a variety of day care options for children between the ages of 2 months and 6 years old; the Music School provides accessible and affordable violin and cello lessons for children ages 5-12; and

WHEREAS, Immigrant and Community Services provide legal assistance, health screenings, financial counseling, case management, language translation, application assistance and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The Hamilton-Madison House serves more than 10,000 children and adults annually with a multi-lingual, multi-cultural staff of 330 people who speak 15 languages, including six Chinese dialects; these outstanding caregivers promote understanding and cooperation among the ethnic groups, and are attuned to their changing needs; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations and individuals 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

commend Hamilton-Madison House upon the occasion of hosting its 36th Annual June Lee Chinatown Banquet, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on June 12, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hamilton-Madison House, and the aforementioned honorees.