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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Congress to restore funding to the 202 senior housing program operated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development

WHEREAS, The Section 202 Housing program has been developing affordable senior housing across the country since 1959; and

WHEREAS, Before the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was created in 1965, this visionary tool recognized the need to finance decent housing so that seniors could age with dignity, and it has been a resounding success; and

WHEREAS, In New York City alone, the 202 program has created an estimated 25,000 units of senior housing, many with supportive services that dramatically improve resident quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Current developments and units that were built under the Section 202 Program continue to be funded, however, there is no funding available for new developments or new projects to build more housing for seniors under this program; and

WHEREAS, This program has not received funding during the appropriations process since 2011; and

WHEREAS, As the senior population grows and affordable housing continues to be in short supply, the State of New York cannot afford to lose a tried-and-true program that provides housing for such an important population; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States be and hereby is respectfully memorialized by this Legislative Body to restore funding to the 202 senior housing program operated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker

of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Congress of the United States from the State of New York.