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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Korean American Parents Association of Greater New York upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Annual Teacher's Day Celebration on May 26, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are committed to enhancing the quality of education in the State of New York, and which enable our schools to better enrich our children's futures; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Korean American Parents Association of Greater New York upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Annual Teacher's Day Celebration, to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at Dae Dong Manor in Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1991, the Korean American Parents Association of Greater New York (KAPA-GNY) is a non-profit, non-partisan, education and community advocacy organization which works to provide the best possible academic environment for Korean American students and their families; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to promoting active participation by Korean American parents in the public school system, KAPA-GNY works tirelessly to build relationships based on mutual respect and understanding among students, parents, teachers, and public school officials; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization also strives to advocate for the rights of parents and students, which may not as yet be fully realized due to cultural, linguistic and educational differences between the United States and Korea; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, KAPA-GNY provides translation services and Parent Workshops for non-English speaking parents, and works to enhance the

sensitivity of school faculty and staff toward Korean culture and tradition while celebrating the exceptional cultural diversity of New York City schools; and

WHEREAS, Korean culture has a long tradition of sincere respect and admiration for teachers; students are taught to respect their teachers from the very first time they enter a school; and

WHEREAS, KAPA-GNY continues this tradition by sponsoring its 25th Annual Teacher's Day Celebration to honor committed educators for all of their efforts on behalf of Korean American students and their families; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to KAPA-GNY for its profound commitment to bringing students, educators and parents together as partners; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Korean American Parents Association of Greater New York upon the occasion of hosting its 25th Annual Teacher's Day Celebration; and be it further

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