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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Korean Apparel Manufacturers Association of Greater New York upon the occasion of hosting its 2nd Annual New York Korean Fashion Festival and 6th Annual Fashion Scholarship Competition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations, which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Korean Apparel Manufacturers Association of Greater New York upon the occasion of hosting its 2nd Annual New York Korean Fashion Festival and 6th Annual Fashion Scholarship Competition, on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at YOTEL New York in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Annual New York Korean Fashion Festival is comprised of various seminars, forums, networking opportunities, and four different fashion shows, which feature designers from all over the world including Korea and the United States; and

WHEREAS, A major center for world fashion trends and the fashion industry, New York City has been one of the economic foundations of the Korean American community; the Korean Apparel Manufacturers Association of Greater New York (KAMANY) is a non-profit organization which was organized in March of 1981; and

WHEREAS, KAMANY was created to protect the rights of Korean Americans in the apparel business; since its inception, it has grown exponentially and now has more than 100 members experienced and specializing in every type of garment; and

WHEREAS, KAMANY has been a strong advocate for Korean American designers and garment business owners by representing their points of view; it also pursues the concerns of its members and ensures that individuals employed in the apparel manufacturing industries are afforded equal opportunities and are treated with fairness and respect; and

WHEREAS, KAMANY is committed to promote and enhance its members

competitiveness, productivity and profitability in the global market by providing an array of services and business resources for all garment manufacturing projects; in addition, it conducts seminars on various issues, practices and regulations affecting the fashion industry and discovers talented students to help them become global fashion designers; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its current President, Mr. Woo Chon Kwak, KAMANY has been hosting its annual golf tournament since 2008 where all tournament proceeds go to the Korean Apparel Manufacturers Association Fashion Scholarship Fund; this fund's purpose is to award and assist emerging Korean-American fashion students; and

WHEREAS, Through its scholarship programs and community participation, KAMANY has encouraged a new generation of Korean fashion designers and entrepreneurs to succeed in the fashion industry and continue to add to the diversity of commerce in the great state of New York; 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 commend the Korean Apparel Manufacturers Association of Greater New York upon the occasion of hosting its 2nd Annual New York Korean Fashion

Festival and 6th Annual Fashion Scholarship Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. Woo Chon Kwak, President, KAMANY.