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*Celebrating the life of Sunny Sung-In Kim.*

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WHEREAS, Sunny Sung-In Kim, a respected businessman and leader of the Korean American community in New England and the Commonwealth, died on June 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Pusan, Korea, in 1950, Sunny Kim served in the Republic of Korea Marine Corps from 1969 to 1972, graduating from basic training with the 218th Class and achieving the rank of lance corporal; and

WHEREAS, emigrating to the United States in 1973, Sunny Kim was naturalized on May 11, 1975, and remained a proud patriot and model citizen for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Sunny Kim founded Grass Roots, Inc., a food service and catering business with several locations in the Financial District of Boston, Massachusetts, which he led as president for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Sunny Kim was a leader of the Korean American community, both locally and nationally, serving as president of the Korean-American Association of New England and as Secretary-General of the Federation of Korean Associations, U.S.A.; and

WHEREAS, driven throughout his life to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War, Sunny Kim effectively advocated for the creation of the Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Memorial, which was installed at Charlestown Naval Shipyard Park in Boston in 1993; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his indefatigable support of the United States-Korea alliance and years of service on behalf of the Korean American community, Sunny Kim received a Presidential Commendation from the president of the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, retiring to Haymarket to be closer to his sons and grandchildren, who he loved to watch play football, lacrosse, and baseball, Sunny Kim quickly became a cherished member of his newfound community; and

WHEREAS, Sunny Kim will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of 44 years, Susan; his sons, Thomas and James, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Sunny Sung-In Kim, an honorable veteran, esteemed businessman, and tireless supporter of Korean American causes; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Sunny Sung-In Kim as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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