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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A CHINESE AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL ON THE ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY

WHEREAS: Chinese American veterans have served the United States with patriotism, valor, and distinction throughout the nation's history, despite facing discrimination, exclusion, and barriers to full citizenship; and

WHEREAS: American Legion Boston Chinatown Post 328, founded to honor and support Chinese American veterans, has proposed the creation of a Chinese American Veterans Memorial to be located at Auntie Kay & Uncle Frank Chin Park on the Rose Kennedy Greenway; and

WHEREAS: Post 328's proposal outlines a comprehensive plan for the design, installation, and long-term stewardship of the memorial, including pursuit of public and private funding, community-based sponsorships, and partnerships with businesses, nonprofit organizations, and civic institutions; and

WHEREAS: The proposal further commits to a long-term Conservancy and Stewardship Plan, including the formation of a dedicated committee, collaboration with the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, MassDOT, and relevant city agencies, and the establishment of a maintenance fund to ensure continued care, seasonal plantings, signage, and accessibility improvements; and

WHEREAS: The envisioned memorial will serve as a living tribute through annual programming such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, educational initiatives, youth engagement, commemorative events, and cultural heritage celebrations, thereby enriching public understanding of the contributions of Chinese American service members; and

WHEREAS: Auntie Kay & Uncle Frank Chin Park on the Rose Kennedy Greenway is uniquely suited for this memorial due to its high visibility, accessibility, landscaped setting, and central location within a beloved urban greenspace that supports public reflection, community engagement, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS: The proposal has garnered strong and growing support from regional veterans' groups, Chinese American community associations, neighborhood organizations, business leaders, educators, and residents who value the preservation and recognition of Chinese American military service and heritage; and

WHEREAS: Establishing this memorial would strengthen the cultural, historical, and educational fabric of Boston, honor generations of Chinese American veterans, and reflect the city's enduring commitment to inclusion, remembrance, and civic pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council supports the establishment of a Chinese American Veterans Memorial at Auntie Kay & Uncle Frank Chin Park on the Rose Kennedy Greenway, and encourages continued collaboration among Post 328, the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, MassDOT, and relevant city agencies to advance the design, funding, and long-term stewardship of this important project.

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