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By Council Members Lasher, Berman, Boyland, Freed, Koslowitz, Lopez, Marshall, Nelson, Rodriguez, Warden, White, Stabile; also Council Members DiBrienza, Eisland, Espada, Foster, Harrison, McCaffrey, O'Donovan and Spigner

Whereas, The 21st Century Toy Company, manufacturers of "The Ultimate Soldier" series of action figures which includes the "Wehrmacht" action figure, has exploited the most abominable period of the 20th Century, the Holocaust, for purposes of selling symbols of hatred to our children; and

Whereas, It is both irresponsible and entirely unacceptable to sell these action figures on the open market since they do nothing but present Nazi soldiers, who were essential in carrying out Hitler's campaign of genocide, as war heroes; and

Whereas, More deplorable is the deliberate marketing of these action figures to children, the most impressionable and vulnerable consumer audience, as the figures have been sold in toy stores throughout the City; and

Whereas, These action figures essentially mask the true horrors of war and particularly the gross injustices carried out by the Nazi regime and it is unconscionable to continue to make these toys available to children; and

Whereas, Children need to understand the historical context of World War II and the Holocaust in the classroom and the selling of toys like the Wehrmacht action figure presents a misleading and educationally counterproductive image of this very important time in history; and

Whereas, These action figures are available in toy stores throughout the city and all retail stores that are still carrying these products should immediately take them off the shelves and adopt a more scrutinizing approach towards selecting their inventory in the future; and

Whereas, These toys give the wrong message to our children and have no place in our City or in our nation during this holiday season; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York condemns the 21st Century Toy Company of Alameda, California for manufacturing "The Ultimate Soldier" series of action figure toys that glorify Nazi soldiers of World War II, condemns the sale of these items at retail stores in the City of New York and urges all stores that carry these items to immediately take them off of their shelves.

Referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs.

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