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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Chinese-American Planning Council upon the occasion of its 44th Anniversary Chinese New Year Dinner on January 29, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that organizations which faithfully devote their resources and purposeful energies to preserving and improving the quality of life in the communities they serve should be duly recognized and justly applauded; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese, or Lunar, New Year is the most important and most popular of Chinese festivals; this year the Chinese-American people, in accordance with their custom and calendar, will celebrate the year 4707, the Year of the Ox; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese-American Planning Council will welcome the Year of the Ox with a joyful salute at its 44th Anniversary Chinese New Year Dinner, to be held at Jing Fong Restaurant in New York City on Thursday, January 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese-American Planning Council, established in 1965, is one of the largest comprehensive human service organizations serving the growing Asian-American population in the City of New York and one of the largest nonprofit providers of educational, social, and community services for Asian-Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Serving over 8,000 people daily, the Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) provides vital day care, housing, workforce development, training, social and cultural services for Asian-American children, youth, adults, and senior citizens through more than 70 programs available at 29 locations throughout Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, For over 40 years, the Chinese-American Planning Council has contributed significantly to the quality of life of Asian-Americans in New York City through the services, skills, and resources it offers

while remaining mindful of its goals of economic self-sufficiency and integration into the American mainstream, as well as of the importance of its rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Chinese-American Planning Council hosts a benefit dinner to welcome and celebrate the Chinese New Year and to honor outstanding individuals for their contributions to the Asian-American community; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Chinese-American Planning Council proudly recognizes as its Honoree of the Year, David Ng, Executive Editor of the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, an award-winning journalist, and one of the nation's highest ranking Asian-American newspaper executives; and

WHEREAS, The Chinese-American Planning Council will also present Community Service Awards to Patrick Ng, President of Po Wing Hong Food Market, one of the largest grocery wholesalers in New York City, and to Dr. Eric Sin-kam Poon, M.D., FAAP, a Chinatown Pediatrician, both of whom have a reputation for giving back to the community and supporting numerous organizations and programs benefiting its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the strength of its commitment and leadership, on the occasion of its Annual Chinese New Year Dinner this Legislative Body is pleased to honor the Chinese-American Planning Council, applauding its endeavors, joining with it in welcoming the Year of the Ox, and paying tribute to the honorees of the evening; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and pay tribute to the Chinese-American Planning Council, recognizing its extensive contributions to the Chinese-American people of the City and State of New York upon the auspicious occasion of its 44th Anniversary Chinese New Year Dinner on January 29, 2009, welcoming the Year of the Ox; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. David Chen, Executive Director of the Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc., 150 Elizabeth Street, New York, New York 10012.