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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Iris Chiu upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 43rd Annual Dinner Dance of the United Progressive Club on May 7, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend Iris Chiu, Assistant Principal of the Brooklyn High School of the Arts and Co-President of the United Chinese Association of Brooklyn, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the 43rd Annual Dinner Dance of the United Progressive Club, to be held at The Rex Manor in Brooklyn, New York, on Thursday, May 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Iris Chiu was born in Taipei, Taiwan and came to the United States at age 20; she attended Journalism School at Iowa State University and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Mass Communications; after graduating from Iowa State, she worked as a reporter for the CENTRAL DAILY NEWS in New York City covering crime, education and the Chinese Community; in 1987, she became an English as a Second Language Teacher at P.S. 20 in Flushing, Queens, and received her first master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from Hunter College of The City University of New York in 1990; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, due to her multi-lingual skills, she was recruited by the Burson-Marsteller Public Relations firm and served as one of their start-up officers in its Taiwan branch office; in 1992, she joined Nike Taiwan and, in 1994, she returned to the United States with her U.S. citizen husband; after working as a Product and Marketing Manager

for a brief time, in 1995, she went back to teaching; and  
WHEREAS, Since then, she has taught E.S.L., Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, and Math A in various levels of the New York City public schools; she also worked as a BESIS Coordinator and Testing Coordinator; in 2004, she earned her second master's degree in School Administration and Supervision and, in 2005, she became the English Language Learners Instructional Support Specialist (ELLISS) in Region 7, and then was appointed Assistant Principal of Pupil Personnel Services at Lafayette High School; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Iris Chiu's proposal for a dual language international studies secondary school won support from the Asia Society, Brooklyn College, and many community based organizations and was selected to be one of the new schools to open that year; and

WHEREAS, In her current position as Assistant Principal of Humanities at Brooklyn High School of the Arts, Iris Chiu is in charge of English, Social Studies, ESL, and World Languages; and

WHEREAS, Iris Chiu has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she has been a particularly active volunteer for the United Chinese Association (UCA) of Brooklyn since 2005, helping to organize fundraising events, developing workshops and activities in youth development and college preparation, and facilitating after school programs, summer camps, and voter registration campaigns; and

WHEREAS, This year, she was elected Co-President of the United Chinese Association of Brooklyn and is currently serving ably in that capacity; and

WHEREAS, Iris Chiu has distinguished herself in her profession and in her community and truly merits the recognition of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Iris Chiu upon the occasion of her designation for special

recognition at the 43rd Annual Dinner Dance of the United Progressive Club on May 7, 2009; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Iris Chiu.