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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Asian American Restaurant Association upon the occasion of its Lunar New Year celebration on March 2, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals and organizations that work to improve the quality of life of the communities they serve merit the highest commendation of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Asian American Restaurant Association (AARA) upon the occasion of its Lunar New Year celebration on March 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is the most important and most popular of festivals observed by Asian Americans; it is always greeted with much preparation and much celebration; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with that tradition, the Asian American Restaurant Association will proudly host a festive Lunar New Year celebration welcoming the Year of the Rabbit 4709 at New York City's Jade Asian Restaurant on Wednesday, March 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Asian American Restaurant Association was founded by renowned chefs and restaurant owners who are dedicated economic activists for New York City; and

WHEREAS, AARA represents and promotes the Asian restaurant industry; it works diligently to raise the level of professionalism within the industry and to heighten awareness of the importance of food safety education throughout the restaurant and foodservice industry; and

WHEREAS, AARA advocates on behalf of Asian restaurant owners, offers and encourages mutual support among members, conducts research for group insurance plans and seeks employment for workers and for restaurant owners; and, in addition, educates restaurant owners by holding seminars on New York law, sanitation, cooking methods and manners appropriate for foodservice personnel; and

WHEREAS, Included in its many worthy and successful endeavors is "A Taste of New York," an exclusive food extravaganza AARA held featuring

exceptional delicacies and specialties of selected New York City restaurants; it attracted more than 3500 attendees and introduced and helped popularize Asian cuisines among the general public through food tasting, demonstrations and hands on experiences with chefs throughout the day; and

WHEREAS, It is with pleasure and great pride that this Legislative Body recognizes and pays tribute to the Asian American community of the City and State of New York, its citizens, institutions, and organizations upon the occasion of the celebration of the Lunar New Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Asian American Restaurant Association upon the occasion of its Lunar New Year celebration at the Jade Asian Restaurant on March 2, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Asian American Restaurant Association.