

## 2015-J352

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Asian-American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, 4713, the Year of the Ram February 19, 2015

WHEREAS, With due cause and proper resolve, this Legislative Body honors the Asian-American community of the State of New York as it celebrates the Lunar New Year; and

WHEREAS, According to legend, the Jade Emperor invited the animals of the world to visit him, rewarding those who came by naming a year in their honor; each animal in turn gave its characteristics to the people born in its year; and

WHEREAS, According to popular story, the order of the Zodiac was decided by a great race in which the horse ran as fast as it could, only to lose to the Snake, which rode on his leg; and

WHEREAS, The Asian-American community joyously ushers in the Year of the Ram, 4713, on February 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, People born in the Year of the Rame are characterized by their shyness, generosity and kind nature; they are easily touched by other people's misfortunes; and

WHEREAS, Those born under the Sign of the Ram behave gracefully and are always respected and admired by others; besides being good housekeepers, they are also fond of children and pets; and

WHEREAS, As the eighth animal of the Chinese Zodiac, people born under this sign occupy a fortuitous position, for the number eight in China is an auspicious one, symbolizing peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year, the most important and most popular of Asian festivals, exemplifies the rich and diverse cultural traditions of Asian-Americans; and

WHEREAS, New York State is blessed with many citizens of Asian descent; they are distinguished by their excellence and their contributions to all fields of endeavor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Asian-American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, 4713, the Year of the Ram, on February 19, 2015; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to distinguished members of the Asian-American community.