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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Chinese-American Planning Council upon the occasion of celebrating the Lunar New Year, 4713, the Year of the Ram

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor, with pleasure and great pride, the Asian-American community of the State of New York upon the occasion of the celebration of the Lunar New Year; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Chinese-American Planning Council upon the occasion of celebrating the Lunar New Year, 4713, the Year of the Ram; and

WHEREAS, The Year of the Ram is symbolized by gentleness, calm, and sensitivity; sheep provide white soft fleece and people born under this sign are kindhearted, and appreciate art and beauty; and

WHEREAS, In addition to celebrating the Lunar New Year, the Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) will also observe its Golden Anniversary in 2015; and

WHEREAS, At its gala event, CPC will honor seven outstanding individuals for their extraordinary contributions and dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 honorees who reflect great credit upon the community through their commitment to service include: Joyce Chang, named Honoree of the Year; Gordon Lau and Michael E. Lee, both receiving the Leadership Award; and Yume Kitasel, recipient of the Civic Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 honorees who have worked for American social service agencies in the Tri-State area include: Allen B. Cohen, Karen Liu, and

Po-Ling Ng, recipients of the Pioneer Award; and

WHEREAS, CPC's mission is to improve the quality of life of the Asian community in New York City through access to services, skills training and resources to encourage economic self-sufficiency and inclusion into life in New York; and

WHEREAS, As one of the largest providers of educational, social, and community services to Asian Americans in the United States, it continues its 50 year history of excellence; and

WHEREAS, CPC offers community services for children, youth and seniors; workforce development; home attendant services; and housing and cultural services; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Chief Executive Officer of the Chinese-American Planning Council, David S. Chen, CPC now serves over 8,000 people daily through more than 50 programs in 25 locations throughout the Greater New York area; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Chinese-American Planning Council upon the occasion of celebrating the Lunar New Year, 4713, the Year of the Ram; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David S. Chen, Chief Executive Officer, Chinese-American Planning Council.