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

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, According to legend, Buddha 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, On February 19, 2015, in accordance with their calendar and beliefs, Asian Americans will joyously usher in the Year of the Ram, 4713; and

WHEREAS, People born in the Year of the Ram are elegant, artistic and creative; they are intelligent, good-natured, and generous; and

WHEREAS, Those born under the sign of the ram are also sincere, noble and independent; they appreciate peace and tranquility and are well-known for their gentleness, understanding, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, The unique beauty of Asian culture and the contribution of its people to literature, the arts and sciences, and the economy are well-known and well-appreciated around the world; the contributions of Asian Americans are especially bountiful throughout the Empire State and are distinguished by their excellence; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the significance of their contributions to the City and State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to honor all

of New York's people of Asian ancestry, joining with them in welcoming the Year of the Ram, 4713, on February 19, 2015; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the auspicious occasion of the celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Ram; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to distinguished members of the Asian American community.