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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 2015 Celebrate Israel Parade to be held in New York City on Sunday, May 31, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and applaud events which foster ethnic pride and exemplify the cultural diversity which represents and strengthens the fabric of the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The annual Celebrate Israel Parade, on New York City's Fifth Avenue, will take place on Sunday, May 31, 2015; this year's Parade celebrates Israel's 67th Anniversary of Independence; it honors the history and heritage, as well as the spirit, of an indomitable people and affirms their culture, identity and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, With due cause and proper resolve, this Legislative Body is proud to commend the 2015 Celebrate Israel Parade and to pay tribute to its organizers and participants; and

WHEREAS, The Celebrate Israel Parade is the largest and most significant event in support of Israel; it is truly a heartfelt expression by the American Jewish community of solidarity with the State of Israel and its people; and

WHEREAS, The Celebrate Israel Parade is a project of the Israel Tribute Committee; it features 100,000 marchers representing public and private schools, groups from Jewish organizations and community centers, high school marching bands, international dancers and other performers, and professionally designed floats sponsored by private companies and Jewish organizations, and draws nearly one million spectators and several million television viewers; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year's parade is "Israel Imagines" and

WHEREAS, The Celebrate Israel Parade, begun in 1964, has grown over the years until today it is an extraordinary and joyous opportunity for

the people of the State of New York, and the surrounding areas, to show their support of, and solidarity with, the people of Israel; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of New York share with the people of the State of Israel, and of all nations, the fervent hope and profound desire for an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, as a reaffirmation of its continued support of the State of Israel and the principles upon which it stands, to extend to the people and government of Israel, best wishes on the occasion of the 2015 Celebrate Israel Parade and the celebration of Israel's 67th Anniversary and fervent prayers for Shalom al Yisroel, Peace to Israel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Celebrate Israel Parade on May 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Celebrate Israel Parade Committee co-Chairs, Jennifer Falk and Judy Kaufthal.