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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Asian American Business Development Center upon the occasion of hosting its annual Asian Americans in Business Awards event, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

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 commend the Asian American Business Development Center upon the occasion of hosting its annual Asian Americans in Business Awards event, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; this auspicious event will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at Macy Herald Square, New York City; and

WHEREAS, Asian American Business Development Center (AABDC) was established in New York City in 1994 to promote greater recognition of Asian American businesses' contributions to the general economy; and

WHEREAS, AABDC encourages Asian American businesses to be more actively involved in issues and policies that directly affect them at the federal, state and city levels; and

WHEREAS, AABDC assists business entities to compete in the mainstream marketplace and expand business opportunities; furthermore, AABDC introduces business opportunities between China and New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 2001, AABDC annually presents the Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business Award to Asian American corporate executives and entrepreneurs across a wide spectrum of industries on their contributions to the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, Together with the African American Business Association and the Hispanic Business Association in New York, the New Majority Alliance

was formed to grow businesses and expand opportunities; and
WHEREAS, Under the able direction of President John Wang, AABDC creates equal opportunities for Asian American owned businesses in local government projects, and advocates for positive and fair policy changes in the small business community; and

WHEREAS, AABDC develops New York - China Business Opportunities; it was the first business organization to lead a delegation of New York State legislators and businesses to China in 2003; since then, the trade mission of "Invest in New York" has become an ongoing annual event to visit the major cities of China and the key economic leaders; and

WHEREAS, AABDC opened its first overseas affiliate of "New York in China Center" (NYICC) in Beijing, to assist New York State based businesses to enter the China market and Chinese businesses to invest in New York State; NYICC has offices in New York, Beijing, Hang Zhou, Dalian, Nanjing and Chengdu; and

WHEREAS, AABDC partners with Columbia Business School's Eugene Lang Entrepreneurship Center to expand their mentoring programs for their MBA students and alumni entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Asian American Business Development Center upon the occasion of hosting its annual Asian Americans in Business Awards event, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Wang, President, Asian American Business Development Center.