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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Public School 124, The Yung Wing School, on May 20, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Public School 124, The Yung Wing School, of Chinatown, New York, to be celebrated with an Anniversary Gala on Friday, May 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, For four decades, The Yung Wing School has been committed to providing an innovative and cooperative learning environment for its students; and

WHEREAS, Public School 124 is named after Yung Wing, the first Chinese student to attend and graduate from an American university, Yale College, and who also sought to expand educational opportunities for Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of its namesake, The Yung Wing School strives to provide exemplary education to the children of Chinatown, and to give them the tools to thrive in today's environment; and

WHEREAS, Located in the heart of Chinatown, The Yung Wing School hosts several events each year to celebrate and recognize the contributions of the Asian-American community to the city and State of New York, such as their annual Lunar New Year celebrations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, The Yung Wing School organizes an annual career fair, exposing the youth of Chinatown to various careers, motivating

their aspirations, and sparking their imaginations; and

WHEREAS, Families and staff from The Yung Wing School have long advocated for the recognition of Lunar New Year as a public school holiday in New York City, and our victory this year is a cause of great celebration for the entire Asian American community in our City and State; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, The Yung Wing School enables its students to achieve their full potential as productive, caring, informed human beings by providing them with a rigorous, comprehensive education suited to their unique needs and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its Principal of more than a decade, Alice Hom, The Yung Wing School provides programs which address the intellectual, physical, emotional and social needs of all its students; and

WHEREAS, This vital institution has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The Yung Wing School is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Public School 124, The Yung Wing School, on May 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alice Hom, Principal, Public School 124, The Yung Wing School, Chinatown, New York.