LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 73rd Anniversary of the signing of the "Pakistan Resolution" and reaffirming the bond of a close relationship between New York State and Pakistan

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to reaffirm its support of the State of Pakistan and of the bonds the people of the City and State of New York share with the people of Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 73rd Anniversary of the signing of the "Pakistan Resolution" and reaffirming the bond of a close relationship between New York State and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, The people of Pakistan commemorate their National Day in remembrance of the "Pakistan Resolution" which was adopted in the city of Lahore on March 23, 1940; and

WHEREAS, Seventy-three years ago, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Sikander Hayat Khan, and other visionaries declared their aspirations of self-determination and democracy; and

WHEREAS, Today our two nations continue to partner in education, health, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Barack H. Obama, the President of the United States, expressed solidarity with the people of Pakistan who continue to rebuild following the devastating floods of 2010 which impacted over 20,000,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Our nation and state are enriched by Pakistani-Americans who excel as physicians, entrepreneurs, attorneys, students, members of our armed forces and in many other professions; and

WHEREAS, Pakistan's National Day is an extraordinary and joyous opportunity for the people of the State of New York, and for all associates of Pakistan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 73rd Anniversary of the signing of the "Pakistan Resolution" and reaffirming the bond of a close relationship between New York State and Pakistan.