

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association (BCA) Sixth Avenue Senior Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 8th Anniversary on March 22, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those illustrious organizations of the State of New York which foster ethnic pride and whose worthy endeavors have a substantial impact on the quality and dignity of life in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association (BCA) Sixth Avenue Senior Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 8th Anniversary on Friday, March 22, 2013, at New Spring Garden Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, BCA was founded in 1988 as a small social service agency whose primary mission was to provide assistance to the growing Asian-American community in the Sunset Park, Borough Park, and Bay Ridge areas of Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the Asian-American community in the Borough of Brooklyn has continued to grow; and

WHEREAS, BCA too has expanded to meet the growing needs of the community, providing a full range of services including senior services at four senior centers, early childhood education centers and programs, youth-oriented programs, adult education programs and services, and a vast, comprehensive array of bilingual social services; and

WHEREAS, Established on March 10, 2005, the Sixth Avenue Senior Center has enrolled more than 2,000 members and serves over 200 seniors daily; and

WHEREAS, The Sixth Avenue Senior Center currently offers daily congregate meals; social service referral and case management; medical and health related workshops and screenings; monthly birthday parties; music, dancing, arts and crafts classes; and field trips; as well as other educational and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Center coordinates community meetings, assists senior members with housing needs, promotes voter registration, and educates the community on the importance of exercising their voting rights; it also offers many other activities and special functions designed to enhance the quality of life of the senior population of the area; and

WHEREAS, The threads which form the quality and character of senior life are woven through dedicated service, carefully rendered, by such organizations of purposeful good will as the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association and its Sixth Avenue Senior Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association (BCA) Sixth Avenue Senior Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 8th Anniversary on March 22, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brooklyn Chinese-American Association President/CEO Paul P. Mak, and the Sixth Avenue Senior Center.