

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

CONGRATULATING Shen Yun Performing Arts upon the occasion of presenting its 5,000 years of Chinese culture on stage January 11-15, 2017, at the David Koch Theater, Lincoln Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those events of artistic significance which highlight the creative talents that have contributed to the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Shen Yun Performing Arts upon the occasion of presenting its 5,000 years of Chinese culture on stage January 11-15, 2017, at the David Koch Theater, Lincoln Center; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts is the world's premier classical Chinese dance and music company; it seeks to revive five millennia of civilization, to breathe new life into traditional Chinese culture, and to provide an experience of sublime beauty; and

WHEREAS, Established in New York by elite Chinese artists in 2006, Shen Yun Performing Arts is the largest Chinese music and dance ensemble in the world; and

WHEREAS, The world-class artistry of Shen Yun Performances embodies the soul of 5,000 years of Chinese history and traditional culture, which is rooted in belief of the divine, faith, the importance of cultivating virtue, and transcendence to heavenly realms; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the company's repertoire is drawn from the pages of history, classic legends, diverse ethnic traditions, and universal themes; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Shen Yun unveils an all-new production, and today, entering its 11th season, the company has toured in 30 countries and more than 100 cities, with approximately 1,900 performances; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts will present this auspicious event announcing the celebration of Chinese traditional culture, upholding the values of its mission to bring forth the pure heart of ancient China to be shared with the modern world; and

WHEREAS, The artistic freedom of the West has enabled the artists of Shen Yun to bring ancient Chinese traditions to life on stage, and in doing so, Shen Yun has become an international phenomenon to the delight and praise of audiences worldwide; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the importance of the performing arts and film, which act to inspire, enlighten, and unify

people from all cultural backgrounds through the transcendent power of human expression; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Shen Yun Performing Arts upon the occasion of presenting its 5,000 years of Chinese culture on stage at the David Koch Theater, Lincoln Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shen Yun Performing Arts.