

**BY:** M. of A. Niou

**COMMEMORATING** the Asian-American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rooster, on January 28, 2017

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor, with pleasure and great pride, the Asian-American community of the State of New York upon the occasion of the celebration of the Lunar New Year; and

**WHEREAS,** The Lunar New Year is the most important and most popular of festivals observed by Asian-Americans; it is always greeted with much preparation and abundant celebration; it is a vital cultural tradition for many Asian-American families and is a time for celebration and reflection; the Lunar New Year is deeply engrained in Asian-American communities and signals the beginning of a hopeful new year; and

**WHEREAS,** According to legend, Buddha invited the animals of the world to visit him, rewarding those who came by naming a year in their honor; each animal in turn gave its characteristics to the people born in its year; and

**WHEREAS,** On January 28, 2017, in accordance with their calendar and beliefs, Asian-Americans will joyously usher in the Year of the Rooster, 4714; and

**WHEREAS,** People born in the Year of the Rooster are very attentive, confident in themselves, and are popular within many crowds; and

**WHEREAS,** Those born under the sign of the Rooster are courageous and honest people, with a keen sense of observation and caution; and

**WHEREAS,** When facing challenges, those born under the sign of the Rooster are hardworking, resourceful and ambitious, and prize loyalty and friendship; and

**WHEREAS,** The unique beauty of the Asian culture and the contribution of its people to literature, the arts and sciences, and the economy are well-known and well-appreciated around the world; the contributions of Asian-Americans are especially bountiful throughout the Empire State and are distinguished by their excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Recognizing the significance of their contributions to the City and State of New York, this Legislative Body is proud to honor all New Yorkers of Asian ancestry, joining with them in welcoming the Year of the Rooster, 4714, on January 28, 2017; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Asian-American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rooster, on January 28, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to distinguished members of the Asian-American community.