

Assembly Resolution No. 58

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COMMEMORATING the Asian American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Snake, on January 29, 2025

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 a festival of great importance in Asian American communities across America and in many countries around the world; the celebration of the Lunar New Year is fundamental to numerous cultures and promotes goodwill and self-reflection; it is a joyous occasion welcomed annually with distinctive festivities and much preparation; the celebration of the Lunar New Year is a tradition by which Asian Americans proclaim the arrival of a new year and look forward to what it will bring; 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 those born during its year; and

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2025, in accordance with their calendar and beliefs, Asian Americans will joyously usher in the Year of the Snake; and

WHEREAS, People born in the Year of the Snake are known to be amiable, intelligent, adaptable, and calm; and

WHEREAS, Those born under the sign of the Snake are thoughtful, steadfast, and often reserved; and

WHEREAS, Linked by an enduring connection to mystery and enigma, those born under the sign of the Snake are intuitive, independent and wise, and persistent in pursuit of their goals; and

WHEREAS, The distinguished values of Asian cultures and their many contributions in business and the economy as well as in the arts and sciences have left substantial impacts on our global community; the contributions of Asian Americans are particularly esteemed within this great Empire State and are acknowledged for their outstanding merit and value; 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 Snake, on January 29, 2025; 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 Snake, on January 29, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to distinguished members of the Asian American community.