

BY: Senator AVELLA

COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of the Cross
Cultural Internship Program on July 6, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations which promote international cultural exchange and relations, and which represent the rich cultural heritage of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Cross Cultural Internship Program, to be celebrated at its Recognition Ceremony on Friday, July 6, 2018, at Citi Field Auditorium, Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Cross Cultural Internship Program (CCIP) is held annually to recognize those individuals and organizations which have contributed to the J-1 cultural exchange internship initiative; this activity has been a staple of the growth of the Cross Cultural Internship Program since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, on this evening, exchange visitors, host organizations, friends, partners, government officials, community leaders and media representatives gather at Citi Field, the home of the Mets, to celebrate their collective efforts of working toward a global community; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Elizabeth Kay, CCIP is an Exchange Visitor Internship Program (EVP) organized by FUSIA Communications, a State Department designated visa sponsor; this vital initiative offers exchange visitors leadership opportunities, activities and cohesive community culture; and

WHEREAS, Administered by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Private Sector Exchange, the EVP is designed to increase mutual understanding between Americans and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS, This year, 70 students will take part in the program where they obtain structured work-based experience; these students come from the program's partner universities in Asia, reside in Flushing, Queens, and intern at one of the hosts which are primarily located in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, CCIP continues to cultivate the next generation of global professionals in enriching cultural environments as they learn and build professional skills in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in one of the world's most cutting-edge

cities, they will master the skills to navigate the ever-changing global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 10-year history, the Cross Cultural Internship Program has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Cross Cultural Internship Program is in direct correlation to the efforts of Elizabeth Kay and her dedicated staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Cross Cultural Internship Program has clearly demonstrated the value of international cultural exchange and relations, and in doing so have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Cross Cultural Internship Program on July 6, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Kay, Founder, The Cross Cultural Internship Program.