

BY: Senator HOYLMAN

COMMEMORATING Japan Day and the 150th Anniversary
of Japan's landmark diplomatic mission to the United
States

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those who foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Japan's landmark diplomatic mission to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Japan Day is an annual festival which celebrates Japan's landmark diplomatic mission to the United States of America; for the first time, a Japan Parade will be held in New York City to honor the Japanese people and their heritage; and

WHEREAS, Japan Day also serves to build a bridge of cultural understanding between the people of Japan and the United States, and to facilitate stronger grass-roots connections within the community; and

WHEREAS, The 1872 visit of the Japanese mission led by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Iwakura Tomomi, resulted in the development of Japan-United States relations including the establishment of the Consult in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Since those initial encounters to the present, overcoming various trials, Japan and the United States have deepened exchange in a variety of fields, including politics, economics, and culture, and forged the strong and cooperative relations that exist today; and

WHEREAS, During the month of May, New Yorkers also celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Month; and

WHEREAS, We are elated to celebrate Japan Parade on May 14, 2022, to commemorate the friendship between the United States and Japan, and further strengthen the solidarity of the Japanese-American Community on this milestone anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate Japan Day and the 150th Anniversary of Japan's landmark diplomatic mission to the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ambassador Mikio Mori, Consul General of Japan in New York.