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COMMEMORATING the Asian American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Ox, on February 12, 2021

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; the celebration of the Lunar New Year is fundamental to Asian American cultures and promotes both 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 February 12, 2021, in accordance with their calendar and beliefs, Asian Americans will joyously usher in the Year of the Ox, 4719; and

WHEREAS, People born in the Year of the Ox are known to be diligent, dependable, strong, and determined; and

WHEREAS, Those born under the sign of the Ox are patient, persistent, and detail oriented; and

WHEREAS, When working, those born under the sign of the Ox are able to achieve their goals through their unmatched effort and determination; and

WHEREAS, The distinguished beauty of the Asian culture and the contribution of its people in business and the economy as well as in the arts and sciences has 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 the 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 Ox, 4719, on February 12, 2021; 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 Ox, on February 12, 2021; and be it further

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