Assembly Resolution No. 41

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COMMEMORATING the Asian-American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rabbit, on January 22, 2023

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 distinguishing 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 the those born during its year; and

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2023 - February 9, 2024, in accordance with their calendar and beliefs, Asian-Americans will joyously usher in the Year of the Rabbit; and

WHEREAS, The Rabbit is the fourth in the twelve-year cycle of animals that appear in the Chinese zodiac related to the Chinese calendar; The Year of the Rabbit is associated with the Earthly Branch symbol; and

WHEREAS,The Rabbit is a tame and tender animal, and swift to move; people born in the Year of the Rabbit usually have soft and tender personality traits, they keep a modest attitude and maintain a pleasant relationship to people around them, they will not be irritated easily, and they also avoid quarrels as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, Those born under the sign of the Rabbit are a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture; 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope; 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 the 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 Rabbit, on January 22, 2023; 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 Rabbit, on January 22, 2023; and be it further

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