

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of the Great Neck Chinese Association on March 21, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups which comprise and contribute to the richness and diversity of the community 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 30th Anniversary of the Great Neck Chinese Association to be celebrated with a Gala on Friday, March 21, 2025, at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Great Neck Chinese Association (GNCA), founded in 1995, is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Great Neck Chinese community; and

WHEREAS, Guided by the mission acronym "HAPPY," the Great Neck Chinese Association strives to create a harmonious environment for its members and the broader community; the mission includes helping new Chinese residents integrate into the Great Neck community, advocating for the common good of members, promoting cultural understanding, fostering social involvement, and ultimately yielding a peaceful and happy living environment for all; and

WHEREAS, To achieve these goals, the Great Neck Chinese Association engages in various activities that support its mission; the organization works closely with local schools and community leaders to promote better understanding and acceptance of Chinese culture and residents; it hosts social and recreational activities to bring the community together, organizes cultural exchange events with other communities, and encourages members to participate in community services and social involvement; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Great Neck Chinese Association offers a platform for members to network, exchange ideas, and engage with local leaders on issues important to the organization; and

WHEREAS, As the Great Neck Chinese Association celebrates its 30th Anniversary, it reflects on three decades of positive impact in Great Neck, made possible by the dedication of its members and volunteers; while proud of its past achievements, the organization looks toward the future with optimism, welcoming all Great Neck residents and their families to join, volunteer, and support its ongoing efforts to build a thriving and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such organizations of significance which foster ethnic pride and exemplify the cultural diversity that represents and

strengthens the fabric of the people and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Great Neck Chinese Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Great Neck Chinese Association.