Assembly Resolution No. 231

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WELCOMING Pakistani-American businesses to the Legislative Chambers in Albany, New York on March 19, 2025, and recognizing their vast contributions to the State of New York

WHEREAS, The economic and cultural vitality of New York State is strengthened by the diverse contributions of immigrant communities, including the Pakistani-American business community, which has played a significant role in the growth and prosperity of our State; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American entrepreneurs and business owners have established thriving enterprises across New York State, contributing to a wide range of industries, including retail, hospitality, technology, finance, healthcare, real estate, and manufacturing, while creating jobs and economic opportunities for countless New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American businesses have been instrumental in fostering economic development, revitalizing neighborhoods, and supporting local economies, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to innovation, resilience, and the pursuit of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, These businesses not only serve as engines of economic growth but also enrich the cultural fabric of New York by sharing the rich heritage, traditions, and values of the Pakistani-American community through food, art, fashion, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Pakistani-American business leaders and entrepreneurs have actively contributed to philanthropic initiatives, disaster relief efforts, and charitable causes, supporting their communities both in New York and abroad, embodying a spirit of generosity and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of Pakistani-American businesses to the State of New York, acknowledging their role in fostering economic progress, cultural diversity, and community empowerment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to welcome Pakistani-American businesses to the Legislative Chambers in Albany, New York on March 19, 2025, and to recognize their vast contributions to the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; the Pakistani Consulate in New York City; and the American Pakistani Advocacy Group (APAG).