Assembly Resolution No. 499

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COMMENDING the NYPD Asian Jade Society upon the occasion of its 45th Anniversary and recognizing its outstanding service to the City and State of New York

WHEREAS It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend organizations that have shown a long-standing commitment to public service, diversity, and the safety of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the NYPD Asian Jade Society upon the occasion of its 45th Anniversary, to be celebrated during its visit to Albany in May 2025; and

WHEREAS The NYPD Asian Jade Society was founded in 1980 by ten pioneering Asian American officers who sought to support one another, increase cultural understanding within the department, and advocate for greater inclusion and advancement within the ranks of the NYPD; and

WHEREAS Over the past 45 years, the Asian Jade Society has grown to become one of the most active and respected fraternal organizations in the NYPD, providing mentorship, career development, community engagement, and cultural representation for hundreds of officers and civilian personnel; and

WHEREAS The Society has been instrumental in fostering dialogue and trust between law enforcement and New York's diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities, particularly during times of heightened tension or misunderstanding; and

WHEREAS The legacy of members such as Detective Wenjian Liu, who gave his life in the line of duty in 2014, and Chief Thomas M. Chan, the first Asian American to rise to the three-star rank in NYPD history, exemplify the bravery, professionalism, and leadership that the Society promotes; and

WHEREAS The Asian Jade Society continues to partner with youth programs, civic organizations, and cultural institutions to ensure that the NYPD reflects and respects the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS In this milestone year, the Society is not only celebrating its past but also renewing its mission to support the next generation of AAPI leaders in law enforcement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the NYPD Asian Jade Society upon the occasion of its 45th Anniversary and to recognize its outstanding service, leadership, and enduring contribution to the safety and diversity of New York City and the entire State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the leadership of the NYPD Asian Jade Society.