

## 2013-K775

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Asian-American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, 4712, the Year of the Horse on January 31, 2014

WHEREAS, With due cause and proper resolve, this Legislative Body honors the Asian-American community of the State of New York as it celebrates the Lunar New Year; and

WHEREAS, According to legend, the Jade Emperor 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 people born in its year; and

WHEREAS, According to popular story, the order of the Zodiac was decided by a great race in which the Horse ran as fast as it could, only to lose to the Snake, which rode on his leg; and

WHEREAS, The Asian-American community joyously ushers in the Year of the Horse, 4712 on January 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, People born in the Year of the Horse are characterized by their animated, active, and social personalities; and

WHEREAS, Those born under the Sign of the Horse enjoy a healthy sense of humor and a desire to be the center of attention; and

WHEREAS, They are often well-liked by many people, with a few close friends, bringing energy and laughter to their groups as well as new solutions to problems and a can-do attitude; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year, the most important and most popular of Asian festivals, exemplifies the rich and diverse cultural traditions of Asian-Americans; and

WHEREAS, New York State is blessed with many citizens of Asian descent; they are distinguished by their excellence and their contributions to all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to honor all the citizens of New York State of Asian ancestry, joining with them in welcoming the Year of the Horse, 4712 on January 31, 2014; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Lunar New Year celebration in New York City on January 31, 2014; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to distinguished members of the Asian-American community.