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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Shen Yun Performing Arts upon the occasion of presenting 5000 years of Chinese culture at Proctor's Theatre on April 27, 2014

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the importance of the performing arts, which act to inspire, enlighten, and unify people from all cultural backgrounds through the transcendent power of human expression; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Shen Yun Performing Arts upon the occasion of presenting 5000 years of Chinese culture at Proctor's Theatre, in Schenectady, New York, on Sunday, April 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts is the world's premier classical Chinese dance and music company; it seeks to revive traditional Chinese culture while providing a beautiful and inspiring experience for its audiences; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts' repertoire draws on five millennia of Chinese history, diverse ethnic traditions, classic legends and universal themes to create a visually stunning experience of pure grandeur and beauty; with a live orchestra that combines Western and Chinese instruments, the superlative company presents classical Chinese dance in its purest form; and

WHEREAS, The artists of Shen Yun Performing Arts take to heart the ancient Chinese belief that to create true art, there must be inner beauty and purity; to that end they immerse themselves in meditation and study of the classics, and adopt the virtues of the ancients into their daily lives, thereby embodying for their audiences the depth and richness of Chinese culture; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts was established in 2006 by a group of Chinese artistic visionaries in New York City; since then it has grown from one company into four, each including approximately 90 dancers, musicians, singers, and production crew, touring and presenting the troupe's unique artistry all over the world; and

WHEREAS, The artists of Shen Yun Performing Arts flourish in the artistic freedom of the West, enabling it to bring ancient traditions back to life on stage, independent from censorship; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations and events which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity within New York State, strengthen the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to appreciate Shen Yun Performing Arts, to celebrate the arts, and to celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Shen Yun Performing Arts upon the occasion of presenting 5000 years of Chinese culture at Proctor's Theatre on April 27, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shen Yun Performing Arts.