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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending New Tang Dynasty Television upon the occasion of its 6th International Chinese Culinary Competition

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those enduring organizations which faithfully devote their resources and purposeful energies to improving the quality and dignity of life in the communities they serve, and to preserving their cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend New Tang Dynasty Television upon the occasion of its 6th International Chinese Culinary Competition; this grand event will be held in May 2014, in New York City's Times Square, as part of the celebration of "Taste Asia," Asian Restaurant Month in New York; and

WHEREAS, The month of May is recognized annually as Asian Pacific Heritage Month; the aim of Taste Asia is to honor Asian culinary arts and culture through celebrating the Asian gastronomic heritage with chefs and restaurants in New York; and

WHEREAS, New Tang Dynasty (NTD) Television's 6th International Chinese Culinary Competition will bring traditional Chinese chefs from around the world to New York City where they will compete for prizes in five Chinese cuisine categories: Cantonese, Huaiyang, Northeastern, Sichuan, and Shandong; and

WHEREAS, The 6th International Chinese Culinary Competition will be a feast for all the senses as top chefs gather at NTD's kitchen stadium and provide the ultimate showcase in Chinese cooking; and

WHEREAS, The 6th International Chinese Culinary Competition, as well as Taste Asia, will also showcase the exciting and exceptional cultural and dining opportunities available in New York City; and

WHEREAS, NTD Television is headquartered in New York City and broadcasts into mainland China via satellite and Internet; it is a significant producer of Chinese language media content in the United States, with 1200 hours of original programming produced in 2012; and

WHEREAS, The rich diversity of Asian and Asian American culture, language, and food has had a tremendous impact on communities across the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend New Tang Dynasty Television upon the occasion of its 6th International Chinese Culinary Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New Tang Dynasty Television.