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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association upon the occasion of its 27th Anniversary Nostalgic Dinner and Dance on June 5, 2015

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association upon the occasion of its 27th Anniversary, to be celebrated with a Nostalgic Dinner and Dance on Friday, June 5, 2015, at Jing Fong Restaurant in Manhattan's Chinatown; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Chinese-American Association (BCA) was founded in 1988 as a small social services agency whose primary mission was to provide assistance to the growing Asian-American community in the Sunset Park, Borough Park and Bay Ridge sections of Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Brooklyn is home to an estimate of over 250,000 Asian-Americans; as a result of the significant increase in the Asian-American population, Sunset Park and its surrounding neighborhoods have been commonly known as the "Brooklyn Chinatown" since the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, To better accommodate the increase of Asian-Americans, BCA has expanded to meet their growing needs by providing a wide array of services, including four senior centers, seven early childhood education centers, youth-oriented programs at eight public school sites, 30 concurrent educational classes for adults and seniors, comprehensive bilingual social services, crime prevention and victims services, a Chinese Cultural School, as well as community economic development

projects and other community events such as the Annual Chinese New Year Parade and community clean-ups; and

WHEREAS, With its Main Community Service Center and 22 additional service sites in Sunset Park, Borough Park, Bay Ridge, Sheepshead Bay and Bensonhurst, today, BCA serves over 3,000 families on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, What started out as a small agency has now grown into the largest community-based, multi-human services and community development organization providing exemplary services to countless Brooklyn Asian families; and

WHEREAS, It is with due cause and proper resolve that this Legislative Body honors and recognizes the accomplishments of the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association, fully confident that it stands ready to meet the challenges of the future while sustaining its unique cultural heritage and tradition of service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body, acting with just pride and admiration, pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 27th Anniversary Nostalgic Dinner and Dance on June 5, 2015, noting the success with which it continues to achieve its goal of enhancing the quality of life of Asian-Americans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul P. Mak, President/CEO, Brooklyn Chinese-American Association.