

## 2015-J3167

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Asian-American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Monkey, on February 8, 2016

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 in the Year of the Monkey; and

WHEREAS, According to legend, the Jade Emperor held a race to determine the 12 animals to represent the zodiac with the cyclical order determined by their finishing position; and

WHEREAS, It is said that people take on characteristics based upon the animal their birth year was named after such as those born in the Year of the Monkey who are characterized by intellect, wisdom and confidence, and their outstanding resolve to reach leadership and success; and

WHEREAS, Those born in the Year of the Monkey are said to be in high spirits even at the most challenging times, and to show perseverance while attaining great achievements; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is the most significant and popular Asian festival and exemplifies the many diverse traditions of Asian-Americans; and

WHEREAS, It is with great celebration that public schools in New York City now recognize the Lunar New Year as a holiday, acknowledging the festival's widespread veneration and as a demonstration of respect for Asian-American families across the city annually on this important day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Asian-American community's celebration of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Monkey, on February 8, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to distinguished members of the Asian-American community.