

## 2015-J3611

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lei Han upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Chinese Male Artist by Chinese Central Television at its "Fire Monkey" 2016 Chinese New Year's Concert hosted by IU Entertainment and Cloud Entertainment

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, The history, the heritage, and the lives of the people of all countries and all cultures are portrayed in their music and dance; the art and act of sharing them enriches us altogether; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lei Han upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Chinese Male Artist by Chinese Central Television at its "Fire Monkey" 2016 Chinese New Year's Concert hosted by IU Entertainment and Cloud Entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Lei Han is a popular Chinese folk and pop singer-songwriter who was born and raised in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia; he is of Mongol descent through his mother, and Han Chinese descent through his father; and

WHEREAS, Lei Han first rose to prominence in 1997, on the Chinese Central Television (CCTV) New Year's Gala through his spectacular performance of a song called "1997, A.D."; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Lei Han gained national stardom when he returned to the Gala to perform his signature hit, "Zou Sifang," one of the most memorable performances in the show that year; he has since appeared on the Gala over ten times, and most recently performed at the 2014 show;

and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed musician has recorded introductory and conclusion theme songs for numerous Chinese TV series, including the introductory theme to "Kangxi Dynasty" and "The Emperor in Han Dynasty"; he also performed the main theme "I'll Go with you to the Ends of the Earth" in the film "Coming Home"; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Lei Han was the winner of the 2014 season of the Hunan Television show "I Am a Singer," and has received the "Outstanding Contribution Award" and been named "Best Male Artist" in numerous award ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, With deep appreciation, this Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the spellbinding talent of Lei Han, and to extend to him its most heartfelt best wishes; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when musical artists of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lei Han upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Chinese Male Artist by Chinese Central Television at its "Fire Monkey" 2016 Chinese New Year's Concert hosted by IU Entertainment and Cloud Entertainment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lei Han.