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Senate Resolution No. 5594

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary on June 8, 2018

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; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary on Friday, June 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, For three decades, the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association (BCA) has stayed true to its mantra: To Believe, Commit and Aspire; and

WHEREAS, The 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 increased population of Asian-Americans, the BCA has expanded to meet their growing needs by providing a wide array of services, including four senior centers, eight 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, The success of the BCA is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary on Friday, June 8, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association.