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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the celebration of the Lunar
4 New Year as a major holiday celebrated by Asian American
5 communities in Illinois, the United States, and around the
6 world; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the
8 year using the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar or a
9 variant; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year starts on the second new moon
11 after the winter solstice and falls between January 21 and
12 February 19 on the Gregorian calendar used in the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year began being celebrated in East
15 Asia and Southeast Asia more than 4,000 years ago; today, it is
16 observed worldwide among people of Bruneian, Chinese,
17 Indonesian, Korean, Malaysian, Singaporean, Taiwanese, and
18 Vietnamese heritage; and

19 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is known as Chinese New Year in
20 Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore, Spring Festival in
21 China, Seollal in Korea, Agricultural Calendar New Year in

1 Taiwan, and Tet in Vietnam; and

2 WHEREAS, While Lunar New Year celebrations vary in length
3 from culture to culture, ranging from three days to two weeks,
4 celebration commonalities include gathering with family and
5 friends, honoring ancestors and elders, watching and
6 participating in traditional dances, settling disputes,
7 exchanging gifts, and enjoying feasts; and

8 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year occurs in a 12-year cycle with
9 each year being represented by one of 12 animals from the
10 zodiac; and

11 WHEREAS, The 2025 Lunar New Year is the Year of the Snake
12 with dual symbolism representing positive and negative
13 qualities ranging from good fortune, harvest, procreation, and
14 spirituality to cunningness, evil, terror, and threats; and

15 WHEREAS, This year, the Lunar New Year will begin on
16 January 29, 2025; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we recognize the cultural and historical significance of the
20 Lunar New Year to Asian American communities, express our
21 deepest respect for Asian Americans and people throughout

1 Illinois and the world who celebrate the Lunar New Year, and
2 wish those who celebrate a happy and prosperous new year.