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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize the celebration of the Lunar New Year as a major holiday celebrated by Asian American communities in Illinois, the United States, and around the world; and

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is known as Chinese New Year in Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore, Spring Festival in China, Seollal in Korea, Agricultural Calendar New Year in Taiwan, and Tet in Vietnam; and

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1           WHEREAS, While Lunar New Year celebrations vary in length  
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3           celebration commonalities include gathering with family and  
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5           participating in traditional dances, settling disputes,  
6           exchanging gifts, and enjoying feasts; and

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

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

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

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

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1 a happy and prosperous new year.