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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 and the United States as well as Asian  
6 communities around the 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, falling 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 Chinese, Korean, and  
17 Vietnamese heritage; and

18 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is known as the Spring  
19 Festival in China, Seollal in Korea, and Tet in Vietnam; and

20 WHEREAS, While Lunar New Year celebrations vary in length

1 from culture to culture, ranging from three days to two weeks,  
2 celebration commonalities include gathering with family and  
3 friends, honoring ancestors and elders, watching and  
4 participating in traditional dances, settling disputes,  
5 exchanging gifts, and enjoying feasts; and

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

9 WHEREAS, In Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese Lunar New Year  
10 celebrations, the 2024 Lunar New Year is the Year of the  
11 Dragon, symbolizing courage, good fortune, honor, prosperity,  
12 and success; and

13 WHEREAS, This year, the Lunar New Year will begin on  
14 February 10, 2024; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we recognize the cultural and historical significance of the  
18 Lunar New Year to Asian American communities, express our  
19 deepest respect for Asian Americans and people throughout  
20 Illinois and the world who celebrate the Lunar New Year, and  
21 wish those who celebrate a happy and prosperous new year.