By: Vo H.R. No. 147

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American Community of San Antonio, 2 Texas, is celebrating the joyous occasion of Tet Nguyen Dan, the

3 Vietnamese New Year, on February 9, 2005; and

WHEREAS, This special holiday marks the commencement of the year of the rooster and ushers in the spring season, a new beginning, when the Vietnamese community reflects on the past and makes plans for the future; and

WHEREAS, Tet begins on the first day of the first lunar month of the year and falls between the end of January and the middle of February; while the exact date of the New Year changes from year to year, the festive spirit of the season remains the same; and

WHEREAS, The eve of the holiday's three-day festival is spent cleaning houses and ancestral graves and preparing a ceremonial meal; the New Year traditionally serves as a time to reunite with family, renew special friendships, and remember past experiences, paving the way for good things to come; and

WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American Community of San Antonio, Texas, plays a vital role in the business, professional, and cultural life of the state, and Tet Nguyen Dan provides a fitting opportunity to salute these fine citizens on this special occasion and to celebrate our common goals of peace and harmony for all humanity; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 24 Legislature hereby recognize the Vietnamese New Year on February 9,

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- 1 2005, and extend to the Vietnamese American Community of San
- 2 Antonio, Texas, best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.