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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 9, 2005, is an auspicious day of
2 celebration and renewal for many Texans, as this date marks the
3 observance of the Chinese New Year; and

4 WHEREAS, Celebrated from the time of the first new moon of the
5 year through the first full moon 15 days later, the Chinese New Year
6 is traditionally an occasion on which families gather for joyful
7 reunion, and an important aspect of the occasion is the ceremonial
8 tribute to the family's ancestors; and

9 WHEREAS, In honoring their forebears, celebrants of the
10 Chinese New Year affirm the powerful continuity of life from
11 generation to generation, and this profound connection to the past
12 resonates throughout the family of humankind; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to remembering loved ones, the holiday
14 also brings with it a range of colorful traditions, including the
15 rituals of cleaning house, paying off debts, and wearing red to
16 ensure good luck in the coming year; and

17 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Chinese New Year is an apt
18 expression of the Lone Star State's rich cultural diversity, and
19 its beauty and significance are well worth the attention and
20 reflection of all Texans; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize February 9, 2005, as the Chinese New
23 Year and extend to all those celebrating this holiday sincere best
24 wishes for success and happiness in the coming year.