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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese community of Texas begins the 2 celebration of Tet Nguyen Dan, the Vietnamese New Year, on February 3 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Better known simply as Tet, this annual event ushers
in the spring season, a time of renewal and reflection among
Vietnamese; this year's observance marks the commencement of the
year of the pig, a period in which bearing children is considered
auspicious; and

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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 homes 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 community of 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 80th Texas 24 Legislature hereby recognize the Vietnamese New Year on February

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- 1 18, 2007, and extend to the Vietnamese community of Texas best
- 2 wishes for a prosperous and rewarding New Year.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 116 was adopted by the House on February 8, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House