

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many Asian American residents of the Lone Star State
2 are commemorating the Lunar New Year on January 26, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, This exciting holiday ushers in the Year of the Ox on
4 the Chinese calendar and marks the beginning of a significant
5 season in Asian culture; a time of renewal that emphasizes new
6 opportunities, this festive occasion also serves to strengthen and
7 enhance the bonds of the international community in Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is traditionally observed with
9 colorful interpretations of the cultural traditions of the East,
10 including martial arts performances and dramatic firecracker
11 displays; lion and dragon dances, which are said to banish evil
12 spirits and to beckon good fortune for the coming year, are often
13 the much-anticipated highlights of these events; and

14 WHEREAS, Lunar New Year celebrations showcase the rich
15 heritage of many Texas residents whose ancestry originates in Asia,
16 and observing this special occasion promotes a greater appreciation
17 of the vibrant multicultural character of the Lone Star State; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the Lunar New Year and extend to all
21 those citizens who are celebrating the holiday sincere best wishes
22 for prosperity and happiness in the coming year.

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H.R. No. 124

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 124 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House