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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many Asian American residents of the Lone Star State
2 are celebrating the joyous occasion of the Lunar New Year on
3 February 19, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, This special holiday marks the commencement of the
5 Year of the Goat and ushers in the spring season, a new beginning,
6 when the Asian community reflects on the past and makes plans for
7 the future; and

8 WHEREAS, The goat is considered a symbol of calm and
9 compassion; many in the Asian community believe that the Year of the
10 Goat will be a time of tranquility and cooperation; and

11 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year, known as Tet in the Vietnamese
12 community and as the Spring Festival in the Chinese community,
13 begins on the first day of the first lunar month of the year; the
14 exact date changes annually, falling between the end of January and
15 the middle of February, but the festive spirit of the season remains
16 constant; and

17 WHEREAS, The eve of the holiday's three-day festival is spent
18 cleaning houses, visiting ancestral graves, and preparing a
19 ceremonial meal; the Lunar New Year traditionally serves as a time
20 to reunite with family members, renew special friendships, and
21 remember past experiences, in preparation for good things to come;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The Asian community plays a vital role in the
24 business, professional, and cultural life of Texas, and the Lunar

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1 New Year provides a fitting opportunity to recognize these fine
2 citizens and to celebrate our common goals of peace and harmony for
3 all humanity; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the Lunar New Year on February 19,
6 2015, and extend to all who are celebrating the holiday sincere best
7 wishes for health and happiness in the coming year.