

## House Resolution 1072

By: Representatives Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Nguyen of the 89<sup>th</sup>, and Park of the 101<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Lunar New Year celebration and commending OCA-Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, February 16, 2018, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is  
4 celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including the United States, and  
5 in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, 2018 is the Year of the Dog, symbolizing hard work and seriousness; and

7 WHEREAS, OCA-Georgia was founded in 1983 with the goal of aiding Asian Americans  
8 who could not speak or write English and is dedicated to improving the social, political, and  
9 economic well-being of Asian American Pacific Islanders; and

10 WHEREAS, OCA-Georgia has a long history of integrating Asian American Pacific  
11 Islanders into the broader fabric of American life through its programs in leadership training,  
12 educational empowerment, mentoring Asian American professionals, health lectures for  
13 senior citizens, advocating for crime reduction, social justice, and civic engagement; and

14 WHEREAS, OCA-Georgia leader Jean Chen spearheaded the creation and issuance of the  
15 first Lunar New Year stamp by the United States Post Office to honor Chinese and Asian  
16 American culture and history, commemorate Asian heritage, and acknowledge the hard work  
17 and sacrifice of Asian American people; and

18 WHEREAS, OCA-Georgia will kick off the new year with their annual Lunar New Year  
19 banquet on February 24, 2018; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
21 extraordinary organization, the enormous contributions of Asian American Pacific Islanders,  
22 and the importance of the Lunar New Year be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize February 16, 2018, as the beginning of the Lunar New  
25 Year and commend OCA-Georgia for their manifold contributions to Asian American Pacific  
26 Islanders and the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
29 OCA-Georgia.