

Senate Resolution 572

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Lunar New Year Celebration; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, January 25, 2020, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is  
3 celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including the United States and,  
4 especially, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to nearly 388,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of  
6 Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese,  
7 Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese descent; and

8 WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Islander American community has contributed to the  
9 social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state; and

10 WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is predominately celebrated by Chinese, Korean, and  
11 Vietnamese residents of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, this Lunar New Year is the Year of the Rat and is universally celebrated by  
13 these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the new year with a clean slate;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout Georgia  
16 illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural  
17 diversity.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 join Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout the state in celebrating January 25,  
20 2020, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rat, and extend best wishes  
21 for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Georgians.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
24 press.