

Senate Resolution 99

By: Senators Au of the 48th, Rahman of the 5th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Lunar New Year Celebration; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, February 12, 2021, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is
3 celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including in the United States and,
4 especially, in Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to nearly 500,000 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,
8 which is approximately 4 percent of Georgia's total population; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Islander American community has contributed to the
10 social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the State of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is predominately celebrated by Chinese, Korean, and
12 Vietnamese residents of Georgia, who account for approximately 200,000 Georgians; and

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

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 join Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout the state in celebrating February 12,
21 2021, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Ox, and extend best wishes
22 for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Georgians.

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