

## House Resolution 39

By: Representatives Hong of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, Park of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Tran of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Reeves of the 99<sup>th</sup>,  
Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Lunar New Year Celebration; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, January 22, 2023, 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 Rabbit, 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body join Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout the state  
21 in celebrating January 22, 2023, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the  
22 Rabbit, and extend best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all  
23 Georgians.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
26 public and the press.