

## House Resolution 1007

By: Representatives Rich of the 97<sup>th</sup>, Barr of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, Gaines of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Wiedower of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Martin of the 49<sup>th</sup>, and others

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body join Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout the state  
20 in celebrating January 25, 2020, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the  
21 Rat, and extend best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Georgians.

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