

House Resolution 1344

By: Representatives Tran of the 80th, Hong of the 103rd, Au of the 50th, Lim of the 98th, and Byrd of the 20th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Lunar New Year Celebration; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, February 17, 2026, 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 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 Snake, 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 February 17, 2026, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extend best
22 wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Georgians.

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