

House Resolution 1489

By: Representatives Tran of the 80th, Crawford of the 89th, Drenner of the 85th, Draper of the 90th, and Barnes of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the 5th Annual Decatur Lunar New Year Festival; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives takes great pride in acknowledging and
3 honoring the many cultural celebrations that enrich the lives of residents and foster
4 community unity throughout this state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is a centuries-old celebration observed by millions of
6 people around the world to mark the beginning of the new year according to the lunisolar
7 calendar and to honor traditions of renewal, family, prosperity, and hope; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the City of Decatur first hosted its Annual Lunar New Year Festival in 2022 to
9 celebrate this vibrant cultural observance and share the rich traditions of the Lunar New Year
10 with citizens across the metro Atlanta region; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 2026, the City of Decatur again welcomed thousands of participants to the
12 5th Annual Decatur Lunar New Year Festival, featuring traditional performances, artistic
13 exhibitions, cultural foods, children's activities, and opportunities for cross-cultural
14 engagement; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2026 Lunar New Year also ushered in the Year of the Fire Horse, a rare and
16 significant Chinese zodiac combination that occurs only once every 60 years, pairing the
17 energetic symbolism of the Horse with the dynamic intensity of the Fire element—together
18 representing strength, renewal, bold action, rapid movement, passion, and forward
19 momentum as central themes of the year; and

20 WHEREAS, the Year of the Fire Horse holds deep cultural resonance across East and
21 Southeast Asian traditions, reflecting values of independence, resilience, creativity, and
22 opportunity that align with the spirit of communal celebration embraced at the Decatur Lunar
23 New Year Festival; and

24 WHEREAS, since its inception, the Decatur Lunar New Year Festival has grown in scope
25 and participation, contributing to the cultural vitality of Decatur and serving as a bridge that
26 brings diverse communities together in shared celebration and mutual understanding; and

27 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Georgia House of Representatives to recognize
28 the significance of the Decatur Lunar New Year Festival and commend all those who have
29 worked to make its 5th annual celebration a success.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend the 5th Annual Decatur Lunar New Year Festival for its
32 celebration of cultural heritage, community engagement, and contributions to fostering
33 understanding among peoples and extend best wishes for continued success in future years.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 organizers of the Decatur Lunar New Year Festival.