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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 recognize the celebration of the Lunar New Year as a major
4 holiday celebrated by Asian American communities in Illinois
5 and the United States as well as Asian communities around the
6 world; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the
8 year using the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar or a
9 variant; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year starts on the second new moon
11 after the winter solstice, falling between January 21 and
12 February 19 on the Gregorian calendar used in the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year began being celebrated in East
15 Asia and Southeast Asia more than 4,000 years ago; today, it is
16 observed worldwide among people of Chinese, Korean, and
17 Vietnamese heritage; and

18 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is known as the Spring
19 Festival in China, Seollal in Korea, and Tet in Vietnam; and

20 WHEREAS, While Lunar New Year celebrations vary in length

1 from culture to culture, ranging from three days to two weeks,
2 celebration commonalities include gathering with family and
3 friends, honoring ancestors and elders, watching and
4 participating in traditional dances, settling disputes,
5 exchanging gifts, and enjoying feasts; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year occurs in a 12-year cycle,
7 with each year being represented by one of 12 animals from the
8 zodiac; and

9 WHEREAS, In Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese Lunar New Year
10 celebrations, the 2024 Lunar New Year is the Year of the
11 Dragon, symbolizing courage, good fortune, honor, prosperity,
12 and success; and

13 WHEREAS, This year, the Lunar New Year will begin on
14 February 10, 2024; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
17 cultural and historical significance of the Lunar New Year to
18 Asian American communities, express our deepest respect for
19 Asian Americans and people throughout Illinois and the world
20 who celebrate the Lunar New Year, and wish those who celebrate
21 a happy and prosperous new year.