

House Resolution 1051

By: Representatives Au of the 50th, Tran of the 80th, Mughal of the 105th, Hong of the 103rd, and Park of the 107th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 15, 2024, as Lunar New Year Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, February 10, 2024, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is
4 celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including in the United States and
5 especially in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to nearly 500,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of
7 Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese,
8 Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese descent,
9 which is approximately 4 percent of Georgia's total population; and

10 WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Islander American community has contributed to the
11 social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is predominately celebrated by Chinese, Korean, and
13 Vietnamese residents of Georgia, who account for approximately 200,000 Georgians; and

14 WHEREAS, this Lunar New Year, the Year of the Dragon, will be universally celebrated by
15 these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the new year with a clean slate;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout Georgia
18 illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural
19 diversity.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize February 15, 2024, as Lunar New Year Day at the state
22 capitol; join Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout the state in celebrating the
23 beginning of the Year of the Dragon; and extend best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous
24 Lunar New Year to all Georgians.

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