HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4606, by Representatives Thai, Wicks, Cody, Entenman, Bateman, Shewmake, Berry, Wylie, Dolan, Senn, Bronoske, Springer, Taylor, Simmons, Ryu, Fitzgibbon, Davis, Ramel, Orwall, Dufault, Macri, Kloba, Callan, Ramos, Morgan, Harris-Talley, Stonier, Paul, Slatter, Fey, Walen, Valdez, Gregerson, and Santos

- WHEREAS, On this 12th day of February 2021, the people of 1 2 Washington join the celebration of the Lunar New Year to distinguish
- 3 Asian American joy, culture, and diversity; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year begins on the first new moon of the 5 lunisolar calendar; and
- 6 WHEREAS, This year is designated as the Year of the Ox, a zodiac 7 sign characterized by diligence, persistence, and honesty that we 8 hope our chamber will strive to emulate; and
- The celebration of the Lunar 9 WHEREAS, Year New exhibits Washington's commitment to preserving cultural heritage and honoring 10 the sacrifices of our Asian American ancestors; and 11
- 12 WHEREAS, Washington is home to nearly nine hundred thousand Asian 13 and Pacific Islander Americans who are an integral component of the 14 diverse fabric of our state; and
- 15 WHEREAS, We highlight the strength of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders who were disproportionately impacted by Covid-19; 16 17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, We acknowledge the resilience of Asian American 19 frontline employees, essential workers, and small businesses through 20 the challenges of the pandemic this year; and
- 21 WHEREAS, We recognize the perseverance of Asian communities who 22 withstood xenophobia and racism for generations and from this 23 pandemic; and

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1	WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is a time to reflect on our successes
2	and challenges from the past, to learn from those experiences, and to
3	create new goals and objectives for the coming year; and
4	WHEREAS, We commend this Lunar New Year tradition of familial
5	reunion, and hope to reflect these practices as a unified legislative
6	body;
7	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
8	stand in solidarity with the Asian and Pacific Islander American
9	community to celebrate heritage, cultural unity, and brand new
10	beginnings through the acknowledgment of the Lunar New Year.
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12	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
13	Resolution 4606 adopted by the House of Representatives
14	February 12, 2021
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20	Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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