

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Nguyen

1 WHEREAS, On this 5th day of February 2019, the people of  
2 Washington join the celebration of the Lunar New Year, which is  
3 observed in many Asian cultures around the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Asian Americans are an integral component of the diverse  
5 fabric of Washington state, and are among the fastest growing  
6 populations in Washington; and

7 WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is an opportunity for Asian Americans  
8 to celebrate the customs and traditions of their cultures and  
9 religions with traditional foods, costumes, and spiritual practices;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Festivals marking the Lunar New Year take place each  
12 year in communities throughout our state, providing opportunities for  
13 all to take part in this cultural experience; and

14 WHEREAS, The current makeup of the Washington State Legislature  
15 is the most diverse in our state's history, and therefore a better  
16 reflection of the people it serves; and

17 WHEREAS, This is a time to reflect on our successes and  
18 challenges from the past, to learn from those experiences, and create  
19 new goals and objectives for the coming year; and

20 WHEREAS, We commend this Lunar New Year tradition of familial  
21 reunion and hope to reflect these practices as a unified legislative  
22 body; and

1       WHEREAS, In observation of this Lunar New Year, the Vietnamese  
2 zodiac is the pig. This animal sign is characterized by honesty,  
3 sincerity, and hard work. May it inspire our chamber to emulate these  
4 qualities;

5       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the  
6 many contributions of Washington state's Asian American people and  
7 communities through recognition of the Lunar New Year.

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