

House Resolution 53

By: Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Park of the 101st, Harrell of the 106th, Taylor of the 79th, Cox of the 108th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Lunar New Year Celebration; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, January 28, 2017, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is
3 celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including the United States, and
4 especially Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to nearly 330,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of
6 Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese,
7 Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese descent; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Asian and Pacific Islander American community has contributed to the
9 social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year is predominately celebrated by Chinese, Korean, and
11 Vietnamese residents of Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this Lunar New Year is the Year of the Rooster and is universally celebrated
13 by these communities as a time to renew family ties, and to start the new year with a clean
14 slate; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout Georgia
16 illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural
17 diversity.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members join Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout the state in celebrating
20 January 28, 2017, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rooster, and
21 extend best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Georgians.

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