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Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in
2023.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BERA, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASE, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CORREA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CROW, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGERDOVE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NICKEL, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROSS, Mr. SABLON, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. STANTON, Mrs. STEEL, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

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New Year in 2023.

Whereas Lunar New Year begins on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the first day of the new year according to the lunisolar calendar, and extends until the full moon 15 days later;

Whereas the 15th day of the new year, according to the lunisolar calendar, is called the Lantern Festival;

Whereas Lunar New Year is often referred to as Spring Festival in various Asian countries;

Whereas many religious and ethnic communities use lunar-based calendars;

Whereas Lunar New Year began in China more than 4,000 years ago and is widely celebrated in East and Southeast Asia;

Whereas Lunar New Year is recognized as Seollal among Koreans and Tet among Vietnamese—who recognize 2023 as Year of the Cat in the Vietnamese Zodiac;

Whereas the Asian diaspora has expanded the Lunar New Year celebration into an annual worldwide event;

Whereas Lunar New Year is celebrated by millions of Asian Americans, and by many non-Asian Americans, in the United States;

Whereas Lunar New Year is celebrated with community activities and cultural performances;

Whereas participants celebrating Lunar New Year travel to spend the holiday reuniting with family and friends; and

Whereas Lunar New Year is traditionally a time to wish upon others good fortune, health, prosperity, and happiness: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes the cultural and historical signifi-
2 cance of Lunar New Year;

3 (2) in observance of this Lunar New Year, the
4 Year of the Rabbit and Year of the Cat, expresses
5 its deepest respect for Asian Americans and all indi-
6 viduals throughout the world who celebrate this sig-
7 nificant occasion; and

8 (3) wishes Asian Americans and all individuals
9 who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous
10 new year.

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