

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4643, by Representatives Thai, Callan, Fitzgibbon, Gregerson, Leavitt, Ramel, Walen, and Boehnke

1 WHEREAS, On this 25th day of January in 2020, 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 important cultural event when
8 Asian Americans celebrate their customs and traditions with
9 traditional foods, costumes, and spiritual practices; and

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, In observation of this Lunar New Year, and according to
23 the zodiac calendar observed in many Asian cultures, this year is

1 designated as the Year of the Rat, an animal sign characterized by
2 optimism and energetic qualities that we hope our chamber will strive
3 to emulate;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives
5 commemorates the many contributions of Washington state's Asian
6 American people and communities through recognition of the Lunar New
7 Year.

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9 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
10 Resolution 4643 adopted by the House of Representatives
11 January 21, 2020
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk