

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4604, by Representatives Thai, Orwall, Sandlin, Mena, Davis, Taylor, Leavitt, Berry, Macri, Santos, Cortes, Robertson, Callan, and Duerr

1       WHEREAS, On this twenty-second day of January 2023 the people of  
2 the great state of Washington unite to celebrate the Lunar New Year,  
3 joining to distinguish Asian American joy, cultures, and beautiful  
4 diversity; and

5       WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year begins on the first new moon of the  
6 lunisolar calendar; and

7       WHEREAS, This year is designated as the Year of the Rabbit or the  
8 Cat, both animals in the zodiac are characterized by their grace,  
9 adaptability, and thoughtfulness; their gentle nature bringing  
10 symbols of longevity, tranquility, and prosperity to the year; and

11       WHEREAS, Washington acknowledges both the wonderful heritage and  
12 collective trauma of our Asian American ancestors; and

13       WHEREAS, We deeply appreciate the Asian American community that  
14 has made Washington a vibrant place for us all to call home, through  
15 building and supporting their communities despite the uncertainty  
16 they have faced at times; and

17       WHEREAS, We highlight the solidarity and strength of the Asian  
18 American community in the face of violent racism, during the past few  
19 years - well before - and ongoing; and

20       WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is a time to embrace reflections and  
21 understanding as we look towards renewal; and

