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HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 8

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January 08, 2025

Relative to the Lunar New Year.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 8, as introduced, Fong.

WHEREAS, January 29, 2025, will mark the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including in the United States and especially in California; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is celebrated on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the third new moon following the winter solstice should an intercalary month intervene; and

WHEREAS, California is home to nearly 6,000,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Vietnamese descent; and

WHEREAS, The Asian and Pacific Islander American communities have greatly contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of California; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated by the 2,500,000 Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Iu-Mien residents of California; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is universally celebrated by these communities as a time to renew family ties and to start the new year with a clean slate; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar Calendar rotates through 12-year cycles, with each year representing an animal from The Great Race, and through 60-year cycles—with each animal associated with one of the five elements: metal, wood, fire, water, or earth—to create harmony and balance; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 Lunar Year is the Year of the Wood Snake, symbolizing versatility, growth, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year in communities throughout California illustrates the state's rich cultural history and commitment to racial, religious, and cultural diversity; and

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Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Legislature joins Asian and Pacific Islander communities throughout the state, nation, and world in celebrating January 29, 2025, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Californians; and be it further
Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
CORRECTIONS: Heading—Line 4. REVISIONS: Heading—Line 5.