

Date of Hearing: February 9, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 80 (Fong) – As Introduced January 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Lunar New Year.

SUMMARY: Celebrates February 17, 2026, as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and extends best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) February 17, 2026, will mark the beginning of the Lunar New Year, which is celebrated in many Asian communities around the world, including the United States and especially in California.
- 2) California is home to over 7.3 million Asian and Pacific Islander Americans of Afghan, Bangladeshi, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Filipino, Fijian, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Iu Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Mongolian, Native Hawaiian, Nepalese, Pakistani, Samoan, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Tongan, and Vietnamese descent.
- 3) The Asian and Pacific Islander American communities have greatly contributed to the social, cultural, civic, economic, and academic success of the state.
- 4) The Lunar New Year is predominantly celebrated by over 3 million Chinese, Korean, Iu-Mien, and Vietnamese residents of California.
- 5) 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.
- 6) The 2026 Lunar New Year is the Year of the Fire Horse, symbolizing vitality, momentum, and courage.
- 7) 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.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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