



## **CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**

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## **CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES LUNAR NEW YEAR**

Sacramento, CA - Assemblymember Tom Ammiano (D – San Francisco) presented Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 89 on the Assembly Floor to recognize January 23, 2012, as Lunar New Year. ACR 89 passed out with a unanimous vote.

“ACR 89 reflects the rich cultural and historical diversity of California,” stated Assemblymember Ammiano, “With ACR 89, I would like to extend my best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all Californians.”

During the floor ceremony, Assemblymember Ammiano shared information regarding the significance of the twelve different animal signs representing the different years of the lunar calendar. In addition, he discussed symbolic gifts and decorations, such as tangerines and red envelopes, used to promote good luck and prosperity during Lunar New Year celebrations.

“California is home to over 5.5 million Asian Pacific Islander Americans (APIA), making up 15% of the state population,” stated Assemblymember Warren Furutani (D-South Los Angeles), “With ACR 89, the California State Legislature joins APIA communities from across the state in celebrating January 23<sup>rd</sup> as Lunar New Year, the year of the dragon.”

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