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Dear Friends:

As you gather to celebrate the 2009 Chinese Lunar New Year, I would like to wish all members of the Jacksonville Chinese Association much success in the coming year. I hope the new year brings health and happiness for you and your families.

Although I am unable to join you today, I truly believe that celebrating traditions together allows us to better understand and appreciate our country's diversity. I commend your organization for your vital role in promoting a cultural dialogue throughout the community.

Again, best wishes for a joyous celebration and Happy New Year! *Xin nian kuai le!*

Sincerely,

*Bill Nelson*

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