SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Das and Dhingra

WHEREAS, Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region of South Asia over five centuries ago and introduced to the United States in the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest world religion with over 25,000,000 adherents from diverse backgrounds throughout the world, including an estimated 700,000 adherents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs in the United States pursue diverse professions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the economic vibrancy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Washington prides itself on being a state where people of all faiths and cultures are welcomed and respected; and

WHEREAS, Sikh organizations named here and many more supported Washingtonians with food and basic staples during the COVID-19 pandemic: United Sikhs; Degh Tegh Community Kitchen; Sikh SOCH; Sevadars; Chardi Kala Project; SOCH.Center; Ekta Together; and many more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate wish our Sikh American community a very joyous year.