

SENATE RESOLUTION  
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By Senator Jayapal

1           WHEREAS, January 26, 2015, marks the 66th Republic Day in India,  
2 celebrating the adoption of the Constitution of the world's largest  
3 democracy; and

4           WHEREAS, India achieved independence from British rule through  
5 peaceful and nonviolent resistance; and

6           WHEREAS, The Indian Constitution asserts equality before law, and  
7 declares "that the State shall not deny to any person equality before  
8 the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of  
9 India"; and

10           WHEREAS, Washington state has many cultural and economic ties to  
11 India, including over sixty thousand Indian-Americans living in this  
12 state; and

13           WHEREAS, Indian-Americans are small business owners,  
14 entrepreneurs, and CEOs of Washington companies, including the  
15 founding officers of many Seattle-based tech companies; and

16           WHEREAS, These businesses provide useful services, resources, and  
17 jobs to the people of this state; and

18           WHEREAS, Indian-Americans have been emigrating to the West Coast  
19 since the nineteenth century, working in our most vital industries  
20 including agriculture, logging, and trade; and

21           WHEREAS, Indian-Americans serve selflessly in our armed forces  
22 and in law enforcement, as well as contribute profoundly to the

1 health care industry and Washington's institutions of higher  
2 education;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
4 honors the 2015 Republic Day as a symbol of the shared values of  
5 democracy and liberty, between the nation of India and both the State  
6 of Washington and the United States of America.

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