

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4638, by Representative Slatter

1 WHEREAS, January 26, 2022, marks the 73rd 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, India's 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, India has a strong tradition of maintaining democratic
11 ideals through robust checks on those in power; and

12 WHEREAS, Washington state has many cultural and economic ties to
13 India, including more than 100,000 Indian Americans living in the
14 state; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Indian Americans have been emigrating to the West Coast
21 since the 19th century, working in our most vital industries
22 including agriculture, lodging, and trade; and

1 WHEREAS, Indian Americans reflect the values of inclusion and
2 pluralism through their many cultural and religious identities,
3 including Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu; and

4 WHEREAS, Indian Americans serve selflessly in our armed forces
5 and in law enforcement, and contribute profoundly to the health care
6 industry and Washington's institutions of higher education;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
8 of Representatives honor Republic Day 2022 as a symbol of the shared
9 values of democracy, diversity, and inclusion between the nation of
10 India and both the State of Washington and the United States of
11 America.

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