

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4709, by Representative Santos

WHEREAS, The Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh Scripture, is a compilation of the divine revelations to the Sikh Gurus and saints of other faiths reaffirming the fundamental unity of all religions; and

WHEREAS, The Guru Granth Sahib proclaims itself to be the sovereign Word of God, revealed to the world through the passive agency of the Sikh Gurus; and

WHEREAS, The Guru Granth Sahib embodies the Universal message of Truth, Compassion, Peace, Equality, and Service toward all humankind; and

WHEREAS, The fifth Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Arjan, compiled and consecrated the Sikh Scripture, giving self-definition to the Sikh community that originated in the Sikh homeland of the Punjab; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 400th anniversary of the first installation of the Guru Granth Sahib at the Danbar Sahib, commonly known as the Golden Temple, in Amritsar; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been a part of the state of Washington since the early 1900s when the early pioneers settled in the region around Bellingham; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs in the state of Washington are a vibrant community and contribute significantly to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of the state and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the Sikh community on the 400th anniversary of the installation of the Guru Granth Sahib; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Sikh Coalition.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4709 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 4, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk