## SENATE RESOLUTION 8735

By Senators Prentice, Fraser and McAuliffe

WHEREAS, 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, Guru Granth Sahib was revealed to the world through the passive agency of the Sikh Gurus; and

WHEREAS, The Sikh Scripture 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 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 Darbar 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 Senate congratulate the Sikh community on the 400th anniversary of the installation of Guru Granth Sahib; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Sikh Coalition.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8735, adopted by the Senate March 9, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR. Secretary of the Senate