

SENATE RESOLUTION

8622

By Senators Warnick, Becker, Schoesler, King, Short, Fortunato, Hawkins, O'Ban, Rivers, Walsh, Honeyford, Bailey, Wagoner, Zeiger, Holy, Wilson, L., Salomon, Brown, Das, Dhingra, Wellman, and Rolfes

1 WHEREAS, Indian Americans who call Washington state home are part  
2 of the 3.5 million individuals who make up the United States Indian  
3 Diaspora; and

4 WHEREAS, The youth of this community have preserved and helped  
5 the rich Indian culture continue to thrive; and

6 WHEREAS, The Miss India USA and Miss India Worldwide pageants,  
7 organized by the New York-based India Festival Committee, are  
8 cornerstones of instilling Indian values, traditions, and culture  
9 among Indian-origin youths; and

10 WHEREAS, The Miss India USA and Miss India Worldwide pageants are  
11 part of the oldest and largest events for the Indian Diaspora  
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, Shree Saini, 22, of Moses Lake won the 37th annual Miss  
14 India USA pageant, where she represented Washington, competing with  
15 52 contestants from across the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Shree Saini went on to represent and win for the United  
17 States at the 27th annual Miss India Worldwide pageant, which  
18 included young women from the Indian communities in over 42  
19 countries; and

20 WHEREAS, Shree Saini was told by her doctors that she could never  
21 dance after being installed with a pacemaker at the age of 12, but  
22 persevered through these challenges and volunteers her time to work  
23 with the American Heart Association; and

1       WHEREAS, Her efforts in promoting her two main charitable  
2 causes, heart disease and mental health, since the age of 15,  
3 have earned her the respect and admiration of those in her  
4 community; and

5       WHEREAS, Her advocacy for mental health and emotional well-  
6 being through thousands of articles and hundreds of speeches  
7 delivered in over 70 cities, 11 states, and 4 countries, has  
8 touched countless lives; and

9       WHEREAS, Her enterprise as Shree Investments in the city of  
10 George, Washington, is a recipient of over 500 certificates of  
11 appreciation from regional organizations over its 11 years of  
12 business, and the recipient of the Corporations for Communities  
13 Award and the National Association of Secretaries of State  
14 Medal;

15       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
16 Senate recognize Shree Saini for her longtime advocacy and  
17 promotion of Indian culture, and commend her leadership and  
18 philanthropy in devotion to Washington State and the Indian  
19 community; and

20       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
21 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Shree  
22 Saini.

23 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8622,  
26 adopted by the Senate  
27 February 26, 2019

28 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
29 Secretary of the Senate