

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 424

Recognizing and commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the spiritual leader of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2023

Mr. LALOTA (for himself and Mr. GARBARINO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the spiritual leader of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha.

Whereas, born on December 7, 1921, in the village of Chansad, Gujarat, India, Pramukh Swami Maharaj followed a spiritual path from an early age, seeking purity, renouncing material possessions, and possessing a striking humility, saintliness, and selfless desire to help all;

Whereas His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj was the fifth spiritual successor and guru of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), a worldwide Hindu organization dedicated to promoting harmony between individuals, within families, and amongst diverse communities;

Whereas his unique combination of spirituality and leadership has grown BAPS globally, encompassing more than 1,100 mandirs worldwide and 150 centers in North America, and created grand stone mandirs in Houston, Chicago, Toronto, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Robbinsville;

Whereas these mandirs offer a welcoming and spiritual space for thousands of families, as well as worship, fellowship, communal meals, education, and activities for young and old, creating a true home for the faithful;

Whereas a rare soul, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj always lived for others;

Whereas His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj's unique message to the world is "In the joy of others, lies our own", and his words were thoughtful, meaningful, and consoling, coming from the depth of profound experience and deep compassion; and

Whereas His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj always gave enlightenment, guidance, and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
- 2 nizes and commemorates the 100th anniversary of the
- 3 birth of His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the spir-
- 4 itual leader of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha.

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