

SENATE RESOLUTION

8663

By Senators Dhingra, Stanford, Nobles, Salomon, Wagoner, Cleveland, Hunt, Lovick, J. Wilson, C. Wilson, Warnick, Valdez, Wellman, Lovelett, Braun, Torres, and Hasegawa

1 WHEREAS, January 26, 2024, marks the 75th Republic Day in India,
2 commemorating the effective adoption of the Constitution of the
3 world's largest democracy; and

4 WHEREAS, India solidified their achievement of independence from
5 British rule through peaceful and nonviolent resistance; and

6 WHEREAS, India's Constitution requires equality under the law,
7 and declares "that the State shall not deny to any person equality
8 before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the
9 territory of 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
2 and pluralism through their many cultural and religious
3 identities, including Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu; and

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

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
9 Senate honor the 2024 Republic Day of India as a symbol of the
10 shared values of democracy, diversity, and inclusion between the
11 nation of India and both the State of Washington and the United
12 States of America.

13 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
14 do hereby certify that this is a true and
15 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8663,
16 adopted by the Senate
17 January 26, 2024

18 SARAH BANNISTER
19 Secretary of the Senate