

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Das and Dhingra

1       WHEREAS, Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region of  
2 South Asia over five centuries ago and introduced to the United  
3 States in the 19th century; and

4       WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest world religion with over  
5 25,000,000 adherents from diverse backgrounds throughout the world,  
6 including an estimated 700,000 adherents in the United States; and

7       WHEREAS, Sikhs in the United States pursue diverse professions  
8 and walks of life, making rich contributions to the economic vibrancy  
9 of the United States; and

10       WHEREAS, Washington prides itself on being a state where people  
11 of all faiths and cultures are welcomed and respected; and

12       WHEREAS, Sikh organizations named here and many more supported  
13 Washingtonians with food and basic staples during the COVID-19  
14 pandemic: United Sikhs; Degh Tegh Community Kitchen; Sikh SOCH;  
15 Sevadars; Chardi Kala Project; SOCH.Center; Ekta Together; and many  
16 more;

17       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate wish our Sikh  
18 American community a very joyous year.

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