

SENATE RESOLUTION
8607

By Senators Jayapal, Miloscia, McCoy, Lillas, Roach, Hatfield, Fain, Parlette, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Chase, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Frockt, Keiser, Conway, McAuliffe, Cleveland, Rolfes, Billig, Nelson, and Dammeier

1 WHEREAS, January 26, 2015, marks the 66th Republic Day in India,
2 celebrating the adoption of the Constitution of the world's largest
3 democracy; and

4 WHEREAS, India achieved independence from British rule through
5 peaceful and nonviolent resistance; and

6 WHEREAS, The Indian Constitution asserts equality before law, and
7 declares "that the State shall not deny to any person equality before
8 the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of
9 India"; and

10 WHEREAS, Washington state has many cultural and economic ties to
11 India, including over sixty thousand Indian-Americans living in this
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans are small business owners,
14 entrepreneurs, and CEOs of Washington companies, including the
15 founding officers of many Seattle-based tech companies; and

16 WHEREAS, These businesses provide useful services, resources, and
17 jobs to the people of this state; and

18 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans have been emigrating to the West Coast
19 since the nineteenth century, working in our most vital industries
20 including agriculture, logging, and trade; and

21 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans serve selflessly in our armed forces
22 and in law enforcement, as well as contribute profoundly to the
23 health care industry and Washington's institutions of higher
24 education;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
26 honors the 2015 Republic Day as a symbol of the shared values of
27 democracy and liberty, between the nation of India and both the State
28 of Washington and the United States of America.

29 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
30 do hereby certify that this is a true and
31 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8607,
32 adopted by the Senate

1 January 26, 2015

2 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
3 Secretary of the Senate