

SENATE RESOLUTION

8644

By Senators Das, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Kuderer, and Lovelett

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.

19 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,  
20 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
21 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8644,  
22 adopted by the Senate

1 February 10, 2022

2 SARAH BANNISTER

3 Secretary of the Senate