

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 131

*Designating April 14, in 2019 and in each succeeding year, as Tamil New Year Day in Virginia.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2018

WHEREAS, much like January 1 is celebrated as the American New Year, April 14, the first day of the first month of the Tamil calendar, is celebrated each year as Tamil New Year Day; and

WHEREAS, popularly known as Tamil Puthandu or Chithirai Thirunaal, each Tamil New Year Day is the beginning of an auspicious new cycle, marking the commencement of the New Year for Tamils across the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, there are many highly educated professionals and entrepreneurs in the Indian American community who make significant contributions to economic growth in the Commonwealth, while continuing to observe and celebrate their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Tamil New Year Day brings together members of the Indian American community as they celebrate with gatherings, decorations, and special foods; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate April 14, in 2019 and in each succeeding year, as Tamil New Year Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the president of Valluvan Tamil Academy and the academy's legal advisor, SRIS Law Group, so that members of the organizations may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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