

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 696

Commending the Sikh Center of Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 17, 2022

WHEREAS, the Sikh Center of Virginia in Manassas is a gurdwara formed in 2009 to serve as a place of worship for the local community of individuals of the Sikh faith; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its devotional services and langar, the Sikh Center of Virginia runs a Sunday school to teach children of the community about Punjabi language and culture and the Sikh religion, as well as about American holidays and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh Center of Virginia participates annually in the Dale City Independence Day Parade, celebrating the history of the United States while aiding many by distributing chilled water to those in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh Center of Virginia regularly holds seminars to educate members of its congregation about their civic duties, including participation in elections, and conducts special programs for the benefit of senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh Center of Virginia actively engages in regional interfaith dialogue and other efforts to foster strong bonds between the various faith organizations in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh Center of Virginia recently received unanimous approval from the Prince William Board of County Supervisors to expand its facilities along Buckhall Road in Manassas, enhancing its ability to serve its members and the Prince William County community; and

WHEREAS, by providing a space for worship and spiritual reflection and ample opportunities for community outreach, the Sikh Center of Virginia has helped to make Prince William County a more welcoming place for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Sikh Center of Virginia hereby be commended for its uplifting spiritual guidance and inspirational service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Sikh Center of Virginia as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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