

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 693

Celebrating the life of Shaligram Shukla.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Shaligram Shukla, a respected professor of linguistics who helped others appreciate the beauty of language and the written word, died on September 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Shaligram Shukla was born in India and began to cultivate his love for the majesty of the natural world while growing up near the Himalayas; he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Banaras Hindu University and conducted postgraduate research at Gorakhpur University; and

WHEREAS, Shaligram Shukla became a prolific and widely known author in India, authoring more than 100 short stories and countless poems and translating numerous works of English and Russian fiction into Hindi; and

WHEREAS, after briefly living in England, Shaligram Shukla came to the United States and earned a master's degree in anthropology and a doctorate in linguistics from Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Shaligram Shukla joined the faculty of Georgetown University in 1967 and taught linguistics at the institution for 50 years; he was a trusted mentor and friend to many of his colleagues and inspired generations of students through his passion for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Shaligram Shukla was a patron of the arts and a voracious reader of literature and poetry who once read the entire collected works of William Shakespeare during a sabbatical from Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the United States and on several visits to Japan, Shaligram Shukla continued to compose poetry inspired by the world around him, and he published many more works in both English and Hindi; and

WHEREAS, Shaligram Shukla will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 65 years, Malti; his children, Kshama, Shakti, Prakriti, and Siddhartha, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Shaligram Shukla; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Shaligram Shukla as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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