

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 568

Commending the Greater Washington Telugu Cultural Sangam.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Greater Washington Telugu Cultural Sangam celebrates 40 years of supporting and promoting the rich culture of Telugu-speaking people in Northern Virginia and the United States; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1974, the Greater Washington Telugu Cultural Sangam is one of the oldest Indian organizations in the United States; the organization fosters contact and cooperation among community members who speak Telugu, the third-most-spoken dialect in India; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Telugu Cultural Sangam encourages and facilitates Telugu literacy and cultural, social, educational, and charitable interactions between Telugu-speaking people throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, honoring traditional Telugu festivals, the Greater Washington Telugu Cultural Sangam organizes annual events for Sakranthi in the winter, Ugadi in the spring, and Diwali in the fall, as well as picnics and other events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Telugu Cultural Sangam supports the wider community by organizing sporting events, educational competitions, and service initiatives, such as food drives for local residents in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Greater Washington Telugu Cultural Sangam hereby be commended for its service to the community on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ravi Gourineni, president of the Greater Washington Telugu Cultural Sangam, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's commitment to preserving and supporting Telugu culture and heritage.

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