

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 148

Designating August, in 2020 and in each succeeding year, as Indian American Heritage Month in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2020

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to a vibrant and growing Indian American community, the members of which have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to all facets of the Commonwealth's economic prosperity and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Indian traditions, including singing, the performing arts, and cuisine, are an important part of the rich cultural tapestry that make Virginia a special place to live and visit; and

WHEREAS, India is a major trading partner with the United States and enjoys a special relationship with Virginia as one of its strongest trade allies; and

WHEREAS, August is a special month for Indians around the world, as India celebrates its National Independence Day on August 15; and

WHEREAS, India is now the world's most populous representative democracy, with great religious and linguistic diversity, and Indians are proud to have gained their independence through nonviolence, setting an example for other nations to follow; and

WHEREAS, establishing August as Indian American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the cultural, academic, economic, and political contributions of Indian Americans to Virginia and the United States and to teach future generations about the unique heritage and vibrant traditions of India; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate August, in 2020 and in each succeeding year, as Indian American Heritage Month in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to Harsh Vardhan Shringla, the Ambassador of India to the United States, so that he 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 month on the General Assembly's website.

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