

House Resolution 417

By: Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Cox of the 28th, McDonald of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Indian community in the State of Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is proud to be home to a vibrant and thriving Indian
4 community, whose members have made significant contributions to the state's cultural,
5 social, and economic landscape; and

6 WHEREAS, the entrepreneurial spirit of the Indian community has been a driving force
7 behind the state's economic growth, with many Indian-owned businesses providing
8 employment opportunities and generating wealth for Georgia's residents; and

9 WHEREAS, the state's ninth largest trading partner, Georgia's exports to India exceeded \$1.4
10 billion last year, representing a 40 percent increase from 2021, and have nearly doubled over
11 the past two years; and

12 WHEREAS, in the fall of 2022, nearly 6,000 Indian students were enrolled in University
13 System of Georgia institutions, and more than 50 Georgia companies have facilities in India;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Lilburn, Georgia, is home to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, the largest
16 Hindu temple of its kind outside of India; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia is further home to the Consulate General of the Republic of India,
18 which opened in January 2012 and has been served since September 2018 by Dr. Swati
19 Kulkarni, its current consul general; and

20 WHEREAS, the Indian community has also been a strong force in philanthropy and
21 community service, supporting local charities and organizations that serve the needs of
22 Georgia's citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, with a population of 150,000 individuals, Indian Americans in the State of
24 Georgia deserve much recognition for their efforts on behalf of their families and
25 communities, which make this state a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes and appreciates the valuable contributions of
27 the Indian community and is proud to honor their achievements and recognize their
28 contributions to the state's prosperity.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend the Indian community for their
31 contributions to the State of Georgia and that sincere best wishes are extended for future
32 health, happiness, and prosperity.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 public and the press.