

Senate Resolution 671

By: Senators Still of the 48th, Dixon of the 45th, Dolezal of the 27th, Rahman of the 5th, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing October 2024 as Hindu Heritage Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Hinduism is one of the world's largest and oldest religions with more than 1.3
3 billion adherents in over 100 countries, encompassing an array of diverse traditions and
4 belief systems with values of acceptance, mutual respect, and peace; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the United States has been a beacon of hope, progress, and innovation,
6 welcoming more than 4 million Hindus from all corners of the world and providing them
7 with better opportunities and the freedom to practice Hinduism; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans represent one of the world's oldest civilizations and one of
9 the fastest-growing communities in the country as well as in Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Hindus strive to achieve dharma, a code of conduct for living that emphasizes
11 ethics, morality, righteousness, duty, responsibility, law and order, service to humanity,
12 nature, environment, ecology, and inclusivity; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values, including Yoga and Ayurveda,
14 can provide solutions to many of life's challenges and often serve as a source of inspiration,

15 reflection, and contemplation for the millions of individuals who look to the spiritual
16 teachings of Hinduism for guidance; and

17 WHEREAS, the practice of Hinduism seeks to promote unity among all communities,
18 increase awareness of the heritage's values, and educate society on issues affecting the Hindu
19 American community; and

20 WHEREAS, guided by a belief in promoting knowledge and education through dialogue,
21 discourse, and debate, Hindu Americans have made significant contributions to all aspects
22 of our society—from science and medicine to business, politics, and industry—all while
23 working towards a more peaceful, diverse, and inclusive world for all; and

24 WHEREAS, during the month of October, the culture, history, traditions, achievements, and
25 contributions of Hindu Americans are recognized and celebrated throughout the United
26 States and in Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia embraces the diversity represented in our communities and
28 seeks to afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate
29 the rich history and shared experiences of Hindu Americans.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize October 2024 as Hindu Heritage Month.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
34 press.