

115TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 189

Recognizing the historic, cultural, and religious significance of the festival of Vaisakhi, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2017

Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, and Mr. VALADAO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the historic, cultural, and religious significance of the festival of Vaisakhi, and for other purposes.

Whereas Vaisakhi has been celebrated in the Punjab region of South Asia for centuries and today is also celebrated in communities throughout India, in the United States, and around the world;

Whereas Vaisakhi is an annual festival celebrating the spring harvest season;

Whereas Vaisakhi is of particular significance to the Sikh religion and is one of the most important dates in Sikh history;

Whereas, for Sikhs, Vaisakhi commemorates the creation of the Khalsa, a fellowship of devout Sikhs, by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699; and

Whereas Vaisakhi celebrates community, prosperity, and continued progress in the year ahead: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the historic, cultural, and religious significance of the festival of Vaisakhi;

3 (2) recognizes the significance of Vaisakhi to
4 Sikh communities in the United States and around
5 the world; and

6 (3) expresses its respect for all communities
7 that celebrate Vaisakhi.
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