

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Warnick, Becker, Schoesler, King, Short, Fortunato, Hawkins, O'Ban, Rivers, Walsh, Honeyford, Bailey, Wagoner, Zeiger, Holy, and Wilson, L.

1 WHEREAS, Indian Americans who call Washington state home are part
2 of the 3.5 million individuals who make up the United States Indian
3 Diaspora; and

4 WHEREAS, The youth of this community have preserved and helped
5 the rich Indian culture continue to thrive; and

6 WHEREAS, The Miss India USA and Miss India Worldwide pageants,
7 organized by the New York-based India Festival Committee, are
8 cornerstones of instilling Indian values, traditions, and culture
9 among Indian-origin youths; and

10 WHEREAS, The Miss India USA and Miss India Worldwide pageants are
11 part of the oldest and largest events for the Indian Diaspora
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, Shree Saini, 22, of Moses Lake won the 37th annual Miss
14 India USA pageant, where she represented Washington, competing with
15 52 contestants from across the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Shree Saini went on to represent and win for the United
17 States at the 27th annual Miss India Worldwide pageant, which
18 included young women from the Indian communities in over 42
19 countries; and

20 WHEREAS, Shree Saini was told by her doctors that she could never
21 dance after being installed with a pacemaker at the age of 12, but
22 persevered through these challenges and volunteers her time to work
23 with the American Heart Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Her efforts in promoting her two main charitable causes,
2 heart disease and mental health, since the age of 15, have earned her
3 the respect and admiration of those in her community; and

4 WHEREAS, Her advocacy for mental health and emotional well-being
5 through thousands of articles and hundreds of speeches delivered in
6 over 70 cities, 11 states, and 4 countries, has touched countless
7 lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Her enterprise as Shree Investments in the city of
9 George, Washington, is a recipient of over 500 certificates of
10 appreciation from regional organizations over its 11 years of
11 business, and the recipient of the Corporations for Communities Award
12 and the National Association of Secretaries of State Medal;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
14 recognize Shree Saini for her longtime advocacy and promotion of
15 Indian culture, and commend her leadership and philanthropy in
16 devotion to Washington State and the Indian community; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
18 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Shree
19 Saini.

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