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113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Honoring the Sikh American community's celebration of Vaisakhi.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GARAMENDI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Sikh American community's celebration of
Vaisakhi.

Whereas Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region
of South Asia over 5 centuries ago and introduced to the
United States in the 19th century;

Whereas Sikhism is the fifth largest world religion with ap-
proximately 25,000,000 adherents from diverse back-
grounds throughout the world, including 500,000 adher-
ents in the United States;

Whereas Sikhs in the United States pursue diverse profes-
sions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the
economic vibrancy of the United States as farmers, engi-
neers, doctors, scientists, and business owners;

Whereas Sikh Americans continue to make strides toward securing religious liberty as patriotic members of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas Vaisakhi is one of the most religiously significant days in Sikh history, commemorating the creation of the Khalsa, a fellowship of devout Sikhs, by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699;

Whereas the Sikh religion is based on a belief in one God and the equality of all human beings; and

Whereas the celebration of Vaisakhi includes performing Seva (selfless service), such as providing free meals to all visitors to Sikh Gurdwaras (Houses of Worship): Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives wishes
- 2 the Sikh American community a joyous Vaisakhi.