



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-1008

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also SENATOR(S) Lambert, Aguilar, Baumgardner, Carroll, Cooke, Crowder, Donovan, Garcia, Grantham, Guzman, Heath, Hill, Hodge, Holbert, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Lundberg, Marble, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Neville T., Newell, Roberts, Scheffel, Sonnenberg, Steadman, Tate, Todd, Woods, Cadman.

CONCERNING HONORING THE LIFE OF MAHATMA GANDHI.

WHEREAS, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi--later known as Mahatma, which means "great soul"--was born October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, located in the present-day Indian state of Gujarat; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Gandhi went to London to study law at the Inner Temple and returned to India in 1891, and he set up a law practice in Bombay; and

WHEREAS, In 1893, Gandhi accepted a job that took him to South Africa, where he spent the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Not long after arriving in South Africa, Gandhi was traveling by train with a first-class ticket but was asked to move to third-class because he was Indian. When he refused, he was thrown off the train; and

WHEREAS, Gandhi would later describe the train incident as a turning point when he decided to fight injustice and defend his rights as an Indian, and he soon began developing and practicing the concept of satyagraha, or passive resistance; and

WHEREAS, Gandhi spent the next twenty years in South Africa fighting racial segregation, including practicing noncooperation with relevant authorities in the wake of required registration for all Indians; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to India, Gandhi spread his message of nonviolent civil disobedience through noncooperation and peaceful protests aimed at achieving independence from the British; and

WHEREAS, One of Gandhi's most famous protests began on March 12, 1930, when he led a 241-mile march to the Arabian Sea in response to a British tax on salt, which became known as the Salt March; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Gandhi led and encouraged acts of peaceful, passive resistance, including hunger strikes, labor strikes, nonviolent marches, and other forms of civil disobedience; and

WHEREAS, Besides independence from British rule, Gandhi sought to overcome the Hindu-Muslim disunity in India and fought against the Hindu tradition of the caste system that led to discrimination against those born to the lowest social class; and

WHEREAS, Gandhi was jailed many times as a result of his protests, but he always spoke for peace and forgiveness and believed in a single unified India; and

WHEREAS, India was granted its independence from Britain in 1947, though internal tensions remained; and

WHEREAS, On January 30, 1948, Gandhi was assassinated while on his way to a prayer meeting; and

WHEREAS, Gandhi left behind a legacy of peace, nonviolence, and acceptance of others in his efforts for justice, unity, and freedom; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That we honor the life of Mahatma Gandhi, who dedicated his life to fighting injustices with nonviolence and peaceful resistance.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi; the Honorable Indian Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Arun Singh; the Honorable Consul General of India in Houston, Mr. P. Harish; Mr. Manu Raval of the Gandhi Group of Colorado; and Dr. Ved Nanda, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh.

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