

House Resolution 1507

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Chandler of the 105th, Mayo of the 84th, Broadrick of the 4th, Henson of the 86th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the citizenship and contributions of Sikh Americans in Georgia and
2 recognizing March, 4, 2014, as Georgia Sikh American Legislative Day at the state capitol;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region of South Asia more than five
5 centuries ago and was introduced to the United States in the 19th Century; and

6 WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest world religion, with approximately 500,000
7 adherents from diverse backgrounds in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, the Sikh religion is based on a belief in one God and calls for the dignity and
9 equality of all people regardless of gender, race, or religion; and

10 WHEREAS, Sikhism is practiced through faith, charity, kindness, and neighborly
11 compassion; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is fortunate to be home to more than 5,000 practicing Sikh
13 families; and

14 WHEREAS, Sikhs in Georgia pursue diverse professions and walks of life, offering rich
15 contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of our great nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Sikh citizens in each generation have enhanced our culture, quality of life, and
17 economic vitality through leadership, commitment to knowledge, advancement, and
18 dedication to their communities; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia takes pride in its cultural diversity and religious freedom
20 and welcomes the opportunity to honor Sikh residents for their lasting, expanding imprint
21 upon our state.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body encourage all citizens to celebrate the individual and collective
24 contributions of Sikh Americans to the State of Georgia and to the United States and
25 recognize March 4, 2014, as Georgia Sikh American Legislative Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Sikh
28 Educational Welfare Association.