

House Resolution 1677

By: Representative Bennett of the 94th

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

6 WHEREAS, due to a lack of education on the part of the public, Sikh Americans have been
7 subjected to harassment, ignorance, and intimidation as a result of the public's
8 misunderstanding of their religious beliefs and customs; and

9 WHEREAS, our Sikh American citizens believe in the equality of all mankind, specifically
10 racial and gender equality, and practice their faith through charity, kindness, and neighborly
11 compassion in our state; and

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

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

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

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Sikh community of
23 Georgia.