

Senate Resolution 337

By: Senators Karinshak of the 48th and Rahman of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Holi as the Hindu spring festival which is celebrated all around the world on
2 March 21, 2019, including in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Holi is a historically rich festival with its roots in India, but one that has also
4 spread through the diaspora to other parts of Asia and to the United States. The occasion
5 represents the triumph of good over evil, the advent of spring, the conclusion of winter, a
6 time to mingle; and

7 WHEREAS, Rangwali Holi, the first evening of Holi, is a proud festival of colors, where
8 participants throw and smear colored powders on one another. They sing and dance, while
9 also spending time with family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, Holi is a time to celebrate heritage, faith, and tradition. Homes indulge in
11 customary food and drink, while also engaging in prayer and religious rituals; and

12 WHEREAS, Holi is an occasion with deep cultural significance that is important to many
13 Indian American communities. It is celebrated all around Georgia in neighborhoods, parks,
14 schools, college campuses, temples, and other public gathering places.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 recognize Holi's historical significance, affirm its cultural importance to a diverse Georgia,
17 and celebrate the occasion with our communities.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
20 press.