

House Resolution 1934

By: Representatives Tran of the 80th, Au of the 50th, Miller of the 62nd, Draper of the 90th, Ali of the 106th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Raksha Inc. upon the celebration of its 30th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for three decades, Raksha Inc. has provided services to survivors of domestic
4 violence, sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, strangulation, and other forms of violence,
5 ensuring that individuals and families are treated with dignity while working toward their
6 healing, empowerment, and justice; and

7 WHEREAS, since its founding, Raksha Inc. has remained steadfast in its mission to promote
8 a stronger and healthier South Asian community through confidential, culturally responsive,
9 and linguistically accessible support services, education, and advocacy; and

10 WHEREAS, Raksha Inc. proudly serves individuals and families throughout the entire State
11 of Georgia, extending its reach across urban, suburban, and rural communities to ensure that
12 no survivor is without access to support and advocacy; and

13 WHEREAS, the organization has served thousands of survivors and their families across
14 Georgia through crisis intervention, legal and systems advocacy, counseling referrals,
15 prevention education, and community outreach; and

16 WHEREAS, Raksha's youth engagement activities have helped create a new generation of
17 leaders; and

18 WHEREAS, under the steadfast and visionary leadership of Executive Director Aparna
19 Bhattacharyya, who began her service with Raksha Inc. as a volunteer at its founding in 1995
20 and has served as executive director since 1998, the organization has grown from a
21 grassroots initiative into a nationally recognized model for culturally specific,
22 survivor-centered services; and

23 WHEREAS, through her decades of leadership, Ms. Bhattacharyya has strengthened
24 Georgia's coordinated response to gender-based violence and has elevated the experiences
25 and needs of immigrant and underserved communities in state and national policy
26 conversations; and

27 WHEREAS, these resources have enhanced awareness among first responders and service
28 providers, contributed to improved documentation and intervention practices, and supported
29 broader public safety efforts across Georgia and beyond; and

30 WHEREAS, Raksha Inc. has had a meaningful national impact by contributing to the
31 development of best practices in culturally specific advocacy, informing federal and state
32 policy initiatives related to crime victim rights, language access, and violence prevention and
33 providing training and technical assistance to governmental agencies, national coalitions, and
34 service providers across the United States; and

35 WHEREAS, the dedication of Raksha's staff, board members, volunteers, community
36 partners, and supporters has sustained the organization's work for 30 years and has

37 contributed meaningfully to the well-being and resilience of families throughout this state;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, the 30th anniversary of Raksha Inc. marks a significant milestone worthy of
40 recognition for its enduring commitment to service, advocacy, innovation, and community
41 empowerment.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
43 the members of this body recognize and commend Raksha Inc. upon the celebration of its
44 30th anniversary and express their profound appreciation for three decades of dedicated
45 service to the people of Georgia and the nation.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
48 Raksha Inc.