

By Senator Campbell

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing August 15, 2018, as "India Independence Day" and August 2018 as "India Heritage Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the people of Florida represent many cultures and have a great tradition of celebrating significant milestones and events of cultural and historical importance, and

WHEREAS, Floridians are proud to join with their fellow residents of Indian heritage throughout the state and beyond as they commemorate the 71st anniversary of India's independence, and

WHEREAS, in 1947, India proclaimed independence and officially became a self-governing country, marking the beginning of its identity as a free and sovereign nation, and

WHEREAS, as a growing democracy, India has proved to be a courageous nation, seeking to establish as its basic, fundamental principles those same values upon which the United States of America was founded: freedom, opportunity, and justice, and

WHEREAS, Florida residents who hail from India, or who have ancestral ties to India, continually demonstrate the greatness of the culture, arts, traditions, and natural beauty of their homeland, and the contributions of these individuals are notable and reflect success in many fields, including education, medicine, science, technology, business, and industry, and

WHEREAS, Florida welcomes the opportunity to promote a greater understanding of the world's cultures, and this occasion, the 71st anniversary of India's independence, provides

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30 an excellent means by which Floridians of all backgrounds can
31 recognize the contributions made by the country and people of
32 India and extend best wishes to them on commemorating this
33 historic milestone of independence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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37 That August 15, 2018, be designated as "India Independence
38 Day" and August 2018 as "India Heritage Month."