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Assembly Resolution No. 61

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COMMEMORATING the 68th Anniversary of the ratification of India's Constitution, and observing Thursday, January 26, 2017, as Republic of India Day

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups which comprise and contribute to the richness and diversity of the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in keeping with its time-honored traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 68th Anniversary of the ratification of India's Constitution, in conjunction with the observance of Republic of India Day, which occurred on Thursday, January 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The people of this great State and Nation are proud of the Indian community and enjoy a deep and abiding relationship rooted in their culture; and

WHEREAS, India earned its independence from Great Britain through civil disobedience and peaceful demonstration serving as a model for social movements in the State of New York and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Republic of India Day serves as an important milestone for

the spread of democracy abroad and enfranchised an entire subcontinent of people; and

WHEREAS, New York State is blessed with many citizens of Indian descent; they are distinguished by their excellence and their contributions to all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Republic of India Day allows those with Indian heritage to remember their ethnic and cultural roots; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate those events of significance which add strength, vigor, and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 68th Anniversary of the ratification of India's Constitution, in conjunction with the observance of Republic of India Day, which occurred on Thursday, January 26, 2017.