## Namaste

My name is Rajagopal Sunderrajan and I represent the Hindu Educational and Cultural Society of America (HECSA).

HECSA was founded in Hillsboro in 2009 as a non-profit association that caters to the religious, cultural and educational needs of a growing population of Indian families in the Portland area. Apart from providing a place of congregation and worship, the temple also promotes cultural awareness by organizing cultural programs and shows on a regular basis to give our children and adults many opportunities to have a glimpse of the great culture, and a first-hand experience of how festivals are celebrated across diverse India.

HECSA has been instrumental is bringing to the local communities an awareness and experience of the Indian scriptural values and teachings. HECSA has steadily grown in the past years and established itself as a center open to people of all communities.

We strongly support the Concurrent Resolution that recognizes the Indian Community and celebrates the Indian Culture, Heritage and Traditions. We seek your support in passing this resolution.

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