

2026 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

Commending the Chinmaya Movement.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 13, 2026

WHEREAS, the Chinmaya Movement was founded by His Holiness Swami Chinmayananda, a revered spiritual teacher and visionary leader whose life's work revitalized the timeless wisdom of Vedanta and brought the teachings of the *Bhagavad Gita* and other sacred texts to millions around the world; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1951 with the first *Bhagavad Gita Jñana Yajña*, Swami Chinmayananda initiated a powerful spiritual renaissance by presenting ancient scriptural wisdom in a clear, practical, and contemporary manner, inspiring countless individuals to pursue self-knowledge, ethical living, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, guided by the inspiring vision to “give maximum happiness to maximum people for maximum time,” the Chinmaya Movement has grown over the past 75 years into a global spiritual and educational organization dedicated to the uplifting of humanity through knowledge, devotion, and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, today, the Chinmaya Mission, the organization leading the Chinmaya Movement, operates more than 350 centers worldwide, including more than 60 centers in North America, serving communities through spiritual education, youth development, cultural preservation, and humanitarian outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, within the Commonwealth, the Chinmaya Mission's community enriches the spiritual and cultural life of the region through vibrant centers such as Chinmaya Somnath in Northern Virginia and the Richmond chapter of the Chinmaya Mission, which serve as hubs for spiritual study, youth leadership development, cultural education, and community service; and

WHEREAS, through programs such as Bala Vihar for children, youth leadership initiatives, Vedanta study groups, and community outreach activities, Chinmaya Mission's centers bring together hundreds of families across the Commonwealth, fostering intergenerational learning and strengthening communities through shared values of knowledge, devotion, and service; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the historic 75th anniversary of the Chinmaya Movement, providing an opportunity to celebrate seven-and-a-half decades of spiritual awakening, cultural enrichment, and humanitarian service across the globe and to recognize the countless volunteers, teachers, and devotees who continue to carry forward the vision of Swami Chinmayananda; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Chinmaya Movement hereby be commended on the occasion of its 75th anniversary for its enduring contributions to spiritual education, cultural understanding, and service to humanity; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of the Chinmaya Mission as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the Chinmaya Movement's legacy of knowledge, compassion, unity, and service.

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