

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 167

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Recognizes Sanskrit as one of world languages.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** recognizing Sanskrit as one of the world
2 languages.
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4 **WHEREAS**, According to the United Nations, Sanskrit has influenced
5 97 percent of world languages; and
6 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit is one of the proto-Indo-European languages,
7 similar to Latin and Greek; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit has a unique origin, not created by man, but the
9 language of Rigveda more than 3,500 years ago, making Sanskrit
10 the oldest language of ancient India; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit is the mother of all languages because it is elegant
12 and influential; and
13 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit is one of the most systematic, technical, highly
14 versatile, and innovative languages; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit has precision, clarity, and complex grammar; and
16 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit uses Devanagari for writing and has a
17 sophisticated structure comprising well-organized, structured
18 letters; and
19 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit has the largest vocabulary of approximately
20 102,000 words; and
21 **WHEREAS**, Learning Sanskrit can improve brain functions and
22 increase memory power; and
23 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit was the classical literary language of the Hindus
24 who consider Panini as the founder of the Sanskrit grammar and
25 literature; and
26 **WHEREAS**, Panini was a Sanskrit grammarian who gave a
27 comprehensive and scientific theory of phonetics, phonology, and
28 morphology; and
29 **WHEREAS**, Panini's Ashtadhyayi, meaning eight chapters, provides
30 Sanskrit's grammatical adherence, which removed the need for
31 Sanskrit's evolution; and
32 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit is perfect for expressing subtle philosophical
33 teachings; and
34 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit has 2,500 years of literature of Vyasa, Vedas,
35 poetry of Kalidasa Ramayana, writings of great philosophers such
36 as Adi Shankaracharya, and saints such as Narada, known in the
37 Hindu traditions; and
38 **WHEREAS**, Vyasa is a revered sage portrayed in most Hindu traditions
39 as writing epics like the Mahabharata and the Bhagavadgita; and
40 **WHEREAS**, NASA scientist, Rick Briggs, reported Sanskrit is one of
41 the most suitable languages for computers because of its efficiency
42 in developing algorithms; and
43 **WHEREAS**, Sanskrit is known in the Hindu traditions as the language
44 of the gods; now, therefore,
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46 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the
47 *State of New Jersey:*

1 1. The State of New Jersey recognizes Sanskrit as one of the
2 world languages.

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4 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
5 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
6 Secretary of the Senate to Samskrita Bharati New Jersey.

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8 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This joint resolution declares Sanskrit is one of the world
14 languages.

15 Sanskrit is an ancient proto-Indo-European language, similar to
16 Latin and Greek, and has influenced 97 percent of world languages.
17 The language has a unique origin, not created by man, but the
18 language of Rigveda more than 3,500 years ago. Sanskrit is one of
19 the most systematic, technical, highly versatile, and innovative
20 languages with the largest vocabulary of approximately 102,000
21 words.

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23 and scientific theory of phonetics, phonology, and morphology.
24 Hindus consider Panini as the founder of the Sanskrit grammar and
25 literature. Panini's Ashtadhyayi, meaning eight chapters, provides
26 Sanskrit's complex grammatical adherence, which removed the
27 need for Sanskrit's evolution. The elegant and influential language
28 uses Devanagari for writing and has a sophisticated structure
29 comprising well-organized, structured letters.

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31 and is known in Hindu traditions as the language of the gods.
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33 Kalidasa Ramayana, writings of great philosophers like Adi
34 Shankaracharya, and saints like Narada.

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