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MP Sahota Seconds Sikh Heritage Month Legislation

October 19, 2017 – Ottawa, ON – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North was honoured to second a Private Member’s Bill introduced by Mr. Sukh Dhaliwal, Member of Parliament for Surrey-Newton, to recognize April as Sikh Heritage Month.

“I am extremely proud of the contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Canada, and Bill C-376 will allow us to recognize those contributions and educate future generations about our language, traditions and place in Canada,” said MP Sahota. “I look at my personal story, the daughter of hard working immigrants, and how today, I was able to second this bill. I want other young visible minorities to know that anything is possible, and that their stories are Canadian Stories that must be shared as a part of our Canadian Heritage.”

Bill C-376 has been placed on the list of “Private Members’ Business – Item Outside of the Order of Precedence” and is set for second reading and reference to a committee in the coming weeks.

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Bill C-376 – *An act to designate the month of April as Sikh Heritage Month* reads:
Whereas the Sikh population in Canada is in excess of 500,000 people, making it the second-largest Sikh population in the world;
Whereas the Parliament of Canada recognizes the significant contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Canada’s social, economic, political and cultural fabric, as well as the richness of the Punjabi language and culture and the Gurmukhi script;
Whereas the month of April is meaningful for the Sikh community around the world;
And whereas, by designing the month of April as Sikh Heritage Month, the Parliament of Canada would provide an opportunity to reflect on, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Sikh Canadians have played and continue to play in communities across the country;
Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:
1 This Act may be cited as the Sikh Heritage Month Act
2 Throughout Canada, in each and every year, the month of April is to be known as “Sikh Heritage Month”.

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