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Certificate of Congressional Recognition

Presented to

The Houston Maharashtra Mandal

On the Occasion of the

"Ganesh Utsav" (God of Success and Good Luck)

WHEREAS, The Houston Maharashtra Mandal (HMM) organization is a group formed by Marathi speaking people of Maharashtra, India now residing in Houston, Texas. HMM was organized as a non-profit organization under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act of September 2, 1980; and

WHEREAS, The Mandal was established in 1976. Mr. Aajgaonkar was the first President of the Mandal. At that time there were approximately 60 to 75 Maharashtrian families living in Houston. They attempted to celebrate Sankrant, Gudhi Padwa, Ganesh Uthsav, and Diwali functions. As the number of members started increasing by 1980, the Mandal organized several other cultural activities such as musical programs, plays, games like volley ball, tennis, table tennis and also bridge and carom tournaments; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, HMM organized 25th anniversary celebration under Ravi Marathe as the President. Today, about 300 Maharashtrian families living in Houston; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in recognizing The Houston Maharashtra Mandal on this monumental event. Your dedication is truly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the United States Congress.

Sheila Jackson Lee

September 6, 2014

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Member of Congress

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