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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my best wishes on this year's 12th annual Ananda Mela: Joyful Festival of India!

Ananda Mela is the largest Festival of India in the Pacific Northwest. It is incredible that this staple community event, at Redmond City Hall, draws over 25,000 visitors every year. Ananda Mela celebrates and shares the cultural heritage of India in an enriching, educational, and fun environment for all families.

Ananda Mela provides an opportunity to build cultural bridges and celebrate our region's rich diversity. I've enjoyed attending the festivities in the past, and I applaud the Vedic Cultural Center and its dedicated volunteers for organizing this annual festival.

Please accept my warm wishes for this year's Ananda Mela! I hope everyone enjoys the various forms of Indian music and dance, cuisine, arts, crafts, educational games, contests, cooking demos, hands-on activities for all ages, and other exhibits.

Sincerely,



Suzan K. DelBene  
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