

*James T. Walsh*  
*25th District, New York*



*U.S. House of Representatives*  
*Washington, D.C.*

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Ralph Singh  
1736 Route 5 East  
Elbridge, New York 13060

Dear Mr. Singh,

I wish to offer my sincere condolences to the greater Gobind Sadan community worldwide who have suffered the loss of their beloved founder and spiritual teacher, His Holiness Baba Virsa Singh, known as "Babaji."

I fondly remember in 1986 when I was President of the Syracuse Common Council, and Babaji accepted my invitation to offer our opening prayer. All of us in the room were touched by his presence and his words. In his many visits to Central New York, he always brought a message of peace and social uplift.

I greatly admired his powerful statement of forgiveness towards those who committed a 2001 arson and hate crime against Gobind Sadan USA. Babaji turned this sad story around, and used it as an opportunity to educate young and old on tolerance, and the importance of celebrating the commonalities of all religions. "Peace will come when minds are transformed," he said.

Babaji will be sorely missed, not only in India, but throughout the world. His work against all kinds of terrorism, including religious fundamentalism, was exemplary. His program for overcoming poverty holds significant lessons to governments and non-governmental organizations alike.

Although I cannot be with you today, please know that I too grieve Babaji's loss, and encourage you to continue his visionary path towards peace, which includes the end of poverty, terrorism, and religious fundamentalism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James T. Walsh M.C.".

James T. Walsh  
Member of Congress