

H. Res. 157

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

July 31, 1997.

Whereas in August 1947 the people of Pakistan and India gained their independence from the British;

Whereas the people of India, Pakistan, and the United States have a common interest in the promotion and preservation of democratic systems of government;

Whereas since independence in 1947 the people of India have maintained the world's largest democracy, one that serves as an inspiration for people throughout the world;

Whereas in recent years the people of Pakistan have reasserted their own strong commitment to building and sustaining a democratic system of government;

Whereas, in addition to democracy, the people of Pakistan, India, and the United States have had many shared values and interests over the past fifty years, including the desire to promote the peaceful development of the South Asian region;

Whereas Indian and Pakistani citizens, who have visited or lived in the United States, and United States citizens, who have visited or lived in India and Pakistan, have done much to improve mutual understanding and build friendship over the past fifty years;



Whereas United States citizens of Pakistani or Indian origin have contributed greatly to the advancement of knowledge, the development of the United States economy, and the enrichment of cultural life in the United States;

Whereas the ties of trade and investment among the United States, India, and Pakistan have grown over fifty years to the great benefit of the people of all three countries; and

Whereas the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of Pakistan and India offers an opportunity for India, Pakistan, and the United States to renew their commitment to international cooperation on issues of mutual interest and concern: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the people of India and Paki-
3 stan on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of
4 their nations' independence;

5 (2) looks forward to broadening and deepening
6 United States cooperation and friendship with Paki-
7 stan and India in the years ahead for the benefit of
8 the people of all three countries; and

9 (3) intends to send a delegation to India and
10 Pakistan during this 50th anniversary year of inde-
11 pendence to further enhance the mutual understand-
12 ing among the United States, Pakistan, and India

1 and among the United States Congress and the par-
2 liaments of those countries.

Attest:

Clerk.