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Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck India on January 26, 2001, and support for ongoing aid efforts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck India on January 26, 2001, and support for ongoing aid efforts.

Whereas on the morning of January 26, 2001, a devastating and deadly earthquake shook the state of Gujarat in western India, killing untold tens of thousands of people, injuring countless others, and crippling most of the region;

Whereas the earthquake of January 26, 2001, has left thousands of buildings in ruin, caused widespread fires, and destroyed infrastructure;

Whereas the people of India and people of Indian origin have displayed strength, courage, and determination in the aftermath of the earthquake;

Whereas the people of the United States and India have developed a strong friendship based on mutual interests and respect;

Whereas India has asked the World Bank for \$1,700,000,000 in economic assistance to start rebuilding from the earthquake;

Whereas the United States has offered technical and monetary assistance through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); and

Whereas offers of assistance have also come from the Governments of Turkey, Switzerland, Taiwan, Russia, Germany, China, Canada, and others, as well as countless non-governmental organizations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the citi-
4 zens of the state of Gujarat and to all of India for
5 the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earth-
6 quake of January 26, 2001;

7 (2) expresses its support for—

8 (A) the people of India as they continue
9 their efforts to rebuild their cities and their
10 lives;

11 (B) the efforts of the World Bank;

12 (C) continuing and substantially increasing
13 the amount of disaster assistance being pro-
14 vided by the United States Agency for Inter-

1 national Development (USAID) and other relief
2 agencies; and

3 (D) providing future economic assistance
4 in order to help rebuild Gujarat; and

5 (3) recognizes and encourages the important as-
6 sistance that also could be provided by other nations
7 to alleviate the suffering of the people of India.

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