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Relating to the recent developments toward normalization of relations between
India and Pakistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRABACHER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to the recent developments toward normalization
of relations between India and Pakistan.

Whereas the nations of India and Pakistan, who are both allies of the United States, have initiated talks over a wide range of issues;

Whereas the disputed areas of Jammu and Kashmir have caused India and Pakistan to go to war against each other on two separate occasions and these areas—a point of potential nuclear confrontation—remain the primary source of tension between the two countries;

Whereas the All Parties Hurriyet Conference, an umbrella of moderate political parties dedicated to peacefully resolving this dispute, has expanded its political organizational efforts to engage the people of Jammu;

Whereas the people of Jammu and Kashmir seek to express their rights in United Nations resolutions for a national plebiscite to provide for their future;

Whereas past United Nations resolutions have called for a referendum on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir; and

Whereas Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright has stated that the United States will seek to reevaluate the position of the United States toward South Asia in order to promote peace and long-term stability: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) the Congress supports and applauds the ef-
4 forts undertaken by Prime Minister I. K. Gujral of
5 India and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan
6 to normalize relations between the two countries;
7 and

8 (2) it is the sense of the Congress that—

9 (A) the issue of the status of Jammu and
10 Kashmir should be resolved in conjunction with
11 India and Pakistan and representatives of the
12 people of Jammu and Kashmir;

13 (B) the wishes of the people of Jammu and
14 Kashmir should be impartially ascertained as
15 regards the future status of their state; and

16 (C) the United States should continue to
17 use its best efforts to promote peace and stabil-

- 1 ity in South Asia as well as to the normaliza-
- 2 tion of relations between India and Pakistan.

