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Congratulating the Republic of India on the conduct of its recent democratic national elections.

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Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. LEE, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. McCOTTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Republic of India on the conduct of its recent democratic national elections.

Whereas the Republic of India, a vast country of over 1,000,000,000 people, numerous ethnic and religious groups and 18 major languages, has been for 57 years the world's largest democracy;

Whereas India has a strong multiparty system in which all political views are freely expressed and respected;

Whereas nearly 400,000,000 people cast votes over a three-week period, utilizing electronic voting machines at al-

most 700,000 polling stations, for 543 seats for the Indian national parliament, a monumental undertaking;

Whereas India's example of free and fair democratic elections and respect for the democratic process is an inspiration and model throughout the region and the world;

Whereas India's economic prosperity, political dynamism, and national security are a direct result of its democratic system of government;

Whereas India and the United States share a special relationship as the world's two largest democracies, and have a shared commitment to respecting and defending the will of the people and the rule of law;

Whereas India and the United States are natural friends and allies, sharing common fundamental interests in building a peaceful, prosperous, and secure world free from want and fear; and

Whereas India and the United States continue to work closely in their common fight against the scourge of terrorism:
Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) commends the people of the Republic of
4 India, the largest democracy in the world, for their
5 achievements in establishing a successful democratic
6 country, which serves as an example for emerging
7 democracies throughout the world;

1 (2) recognizes with satisfaction the strong his-
2 torical ties and shared interests between India and
3 the United States;

4 (3) reaffirms the strong friendship between
5 India and the United States that will continue to de-
6 velop in the future; and

7 (4) expresses its deepest best wishes and re-
8 gards for the future success of the new government
9 of India.

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