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H. CON. RES. 37

Honoring former Congressman Dalip Singh Saund and remembering his achievements as the first Indian American to serve in Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring former Congressman Dalip Singh Saund and remembering his achievements as the first Indian American to serve in Congress.

Whereas Dalip Singh Saund was born on September 20, 1899, in Punjab, India;

Whereas Saund attended the University of California at Berkeley and received a M.A. in 1922 and a Ph.D. in 1924;

Whereas due to prejudice against Asians Saund's first job was as a foreman of a cotton-picking ranch, despite his advanced education;

Whereas Saund became a naturalized United States citizen on December 16, 1949;

Whereas Saund ran for and won the position of judge in 1952, and served in that capacity for four years;

Whereas Saund was elected to the House of Representatives in 1956 from the 29th congressional district of California, representing Riverside and Imperial Counties;

Whereas Saund served in the House of Representatives for three consecutive terms;

Whereas Saund passed many diverse pieces of legislation during his distinguished career in the House of Representatives, supporting agriculture in his congressional district, the rights of Native Americans, and Mexican immigrants;

Whereas Saund was one of the leaders in the fight for equality, and he worked to draft an amendment to the Constitution relative to equal rights of men and women;

Whereas Saund was the first Asian American to be elected as a full-voting Member of Congress and the first Indian American ever to be elected to Congress;

Whereas Saund was a role model and a mentor for many Asian and Indian Americans; and

Whereas Dalip Singh Saund passed away in Hollywood, California, on April 22, 1973: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) honors the life and dedicated service of
4 former Congressman Dalip Singh Saund; and

5 (2) remembers his achievements as the first In-
6 dian American to serve in Congress.

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