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Calling for a democratically elected government for the people of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. HECK of Washington) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling for a democratically elected government for the people of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Whereas the people of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal seek to become a people with a democratically elected government through free and fair elections;

Whereas the people of the nation of Nepal seek a government based on democratic values and norms earning the faith and consent of the governed;

Whereas the Government of Nepal should be a national government, promoting law and order, and the enforcement of laws through a legal system derived from a national constitution;

Whereas the Government of Nepal should guarantee universal human rights, including freedom of speech, the press, assembly, religion, and due process under the law;

Whereas the Government of Nepal should also protect the people of Nepal and strive to provide basic needs such as clean air, water, electricity, food, shelter, and health care;

Whereas the people of the United States seek the establishment of free and fair democratic elections for all people everywhere;

Whereas the people of the United States and the people of Nepal have enjoyed over 60 years of peaceful relations;

Whereas the United States has a compelling national interest in the security, stability, and development of Nepal;

Whereas the United States seeks to maintain gains in peace and security, further the Nepali transition to a democratic government, support the continued delivery of needed social services, provide effective health care solutions to the Nepali people, and address the challenges of food insecurity and climate change;

Whereas the United States and Nepal have long promoted open trade and investment between the two countries, establishing a framework agreement for bilateral talks to promote bilateral trade and investment;

Whereas the United States has long exported agricultural products, aircraft parts, optic and medical instruments, low-value shipments, and machinery to Nepal, and Nepal has enjoyed exporting textile floor coverings, apparel, headgear, and leather to the United States; and

Whereas both the United States and Nepal have benefitted from an open and fair trade framework: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) welcomes the free and fair elections for the
 4 people of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal;

5 (2) encourages the use of all efforts, energies,
 6 and diligence to help the people of Nepal to effec-
 7 tively participate in the electoral process;

8 (3) joins with the international community in
 9 providing the resources necessary to hold free, fair,
 10 and timely elections, facilitate a peaceful transition
 11 of power, and establish a government that will pro-
 12 tect the rights of the people; and

13 (4) supports the efforts of the people of Nepal
 14 to maintain self-determination for their general wel-
 15 fare and the welfare of future generations.

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