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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the democratic Constitution of the Republic of India and United States-India relations on India's Republic Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2015

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. HOLDING, and Mr. BERA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the democratic Constitution of the Republic of India and United States-India relations on India's Republic Day.

Whereas with over 1,200,000,000 people, the Republic of India is the largest democracy in the world;

Whereas on January 26, 1950, India became a Republic and formed a parliamentary democracy through the adoption of a constitution;

Whereas the Constitution of India guarantees universal suffrage for all those over age 18;

Whereas the Constitution of India includes principles found in the Constitution of the United States, including the

separation of powers and the creation of an independent Supreme Court;

Whereas members of India's numerous ethnic groups, minorities, and religions including Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and Christians all participate in the governance of India;

Whereas the people of the United States and the people of India maintain a shared commitment to building democratic institutions;

Whereas relations between the United States and India have exponentially increased over the past decade, including in areas of defense, global security, poverty alleviation, education, economic growth, and job creation;

Whereas the United States-India relationship is essential to promoting stability, democracy and prosperity in the 21st century;

Whereas successive United States Presidents have worked on a bipartisan basis to strengthen and deepen relations between the United States and India;

Whereas approximately 3,000,000 Indian-Americans reside in the United States and contribute to the economic, cultural, and community strength of the United States; and

Whereas people-to-people ties between the United States and India strengthen the rapidly growing bilateral partnership: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) calls for the continued strengthening of re-
- 3 lations between the United States and the Republic
- 4 of India;

1 (2) recognizes the democratic values shared be-
2 tween the United States and India; and

3 (3) believes that together, India and the United
4 States can bring immense benefits to the people of
5 both countries as well as make enormous contribu-
6 tions to addressing global challenges of the 21st cen-
7 tury.

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