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H. RES. 144

Calling for freedom and democracy for the people of Kashmir.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 1993

Mr. BURTON of Indiana submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Calling for freedom and democracy for the people of
Kashmir.

Whereas the historically independent people of the State of Jammu and Kashmir (commonly referred to as “Kashmir”) have been denied the plebiscite that was promised them by resolutions adopted in 1948 and 1949 by the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan;

Whereas those resolutions were agreed to by the Government of India and the Government of Pakistan, with the firm support of the United States;

Whereas the United States, as the world’s most powerful democracy, has supported the principle that the status of the State of Jammu and Kashmir should be decided by the democratic method of a plebiscite under impartial control and supervision;

Whereas despite those resolutions, the people of the State of Jammu and Kashmir have suffered through 2 wars and continuous unrest for more than 40 years while being denied the right to self-determination by the Government of India;

Whereas the inevitable frustrations of a people being governed without their consent have resulted in an upsurge of conflict and violence in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

Whereas the Government of India has responded to this situation by isolating the State of Jammu and Kashmir from the outside world; and

Whereas there have been an increasing number of reports of unwarranted use of deadly force, as well as torture, rape, beatings, restriction of medical services, and other violations of basic human rights: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Freedom for
4 Kashmir Resolution”.

5 **SEC. 2. POLICY DECLARATIONS.**

6 The House of Representatives—

7 (1) reaffirms that the question of the future
8 status of the State of Jammu and Kashmir should
9 be decided through the democratic method of a free
10 and impartial plebiscite; and

11 (2) calls on the President, the United Nations,
12 and the international community to use all measures

1 at their disposal to establish the conditions nec-
2 essary for a free and impartial plebiscite in the State
3 of Jammu and Kashmir.

