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S. RES. 102

Designating August 15, 1997 as “Indian Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Indian and American Democracy”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18 (legislative day, JUNE 17), 1997

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MACK, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOND, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 31, 1997

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas India is the world’s largest democracy and shares with the United States the system in which the supreme power to govern is invested in the people;

Whereas the people of India drew upon the values of the rule of law in creating a representative democracy;

Whereas India and the United States share a common bond of being former British colonies;

Whereas India's independence was achieved pledged to the principles of fairness, dignity, peace, and democracy;

Whereas these and other ideals have forged a close bond between our two nations and their peoples;

Whereas August 15, 1997 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the struggle which freed the Indian people from British colonial rule; and

Whereas it is proper and desirable to celebrate with the Indian people, and to reaffirm the democratic principles on which our two great nations were born: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That August 15, 1997 is designated as “In-
 2 dian Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration
 3 of Indian and American Democracy”. The President is re-
 4 quested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people
 5 of the United States to observe the day with appropriate
 6 ceremonies and activities.

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