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Expressing the strong support of the Congress for the recently concluded elections in the Republic of India and urging the President to travel to India.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Republic of India is a longstanding parliamentary democracy where citizens may freely change their government;

Whereas India has a thriving multiparty system where a broad spectrum of political views are represented;

Whereas India recently conducted a successful round of elections, involving over 650,000,000 registered voters and resulting in a 60 percent voter turnout and re-election of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee;

Whereas India and the United States share a special relationship as the world's most populous democracy and the

world's oldest democracy, respectively, and have a shared commitment to upholding the will of the people and the rule of law;

Whereas the Congress has included in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2000, a provision to allow the President to pursue a broad-based strategic relationship with India;

Whereas the President has expressed his continued desire to travel to South Asia; and

Whereas India continues to be a shining example of democracy for all of Asia to follow: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) congratulates the people of the Republic of
4 India on the successful conclusion of their recent na-
5 tional elections;

6 (2) congratulates Prime Minister Atal Bihari
7 Vajpayee on his re-election;

8 (3) calls on the President to travel to India as
9 part of any trip to South Asia; and

10 (4) urges the President to use the authority
11 granted to him by the Congress in the Department
12 of Defense Appropriations Act, 2000.

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