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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 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

1           (4) urges the President to broaden our special  
2           relationship with India into a strategic partnership.  
            Passed the House of Representatives November 16,  
1999.

Attest:

*Clerk.*