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H. CON. RES. 151

Expressing continuing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the Republic of India on January 26, 2001, and support for ongoing aid efforts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing continuing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the Republic of India on January 26, 2001, and support for ongoing aid efforts.

Whereas on the morning of January 26, 2001, a devastating and deadly earthquake shook the state of Gujarat in western India, killing untold tens of thousands of people, injuring countless others, and crippling most of the region;

Whereas the earthquake has left thousands of buildings in ruin, caused widespread fires, and destroyed infrastructure;

Whereas the people of India and people of Indian origin have displayed strength, courage, and determination in the aftermath of the earthquake;

Whereas the people of the United States and India have developed a strong friendship based on mutual interests and respect;

Whereas on January 31, 2001, the House of Representatives adopted House Concurrent Resolution 15, which calls on the United States Government, in coordination with other nations, to offer technical and monetary relief to the people of India with respect to recovery from the earthquake;

Whereas India has appealed to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the international community for economic assistance to meet the substantial relief and reconstruction needs facing that country in the aftermath of the earthquake;

Whereas the United States has offered technical and monetary assistance through the United States Agency for International Development; and

Whereas offers of assistance have also come from the Governments of Turkey, Switzerland, Taiwan, the Russian Federation, Germany, China, Canada, and others, as well as countless nongovernmental organizations: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 (1) reaffirms its deepest sympathies to the citi-
2 zens of the state of Gujarat and to all of India for
3 the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earth-
4 quake of January 26, 2001;

5 (2) supports—

6 (A) the people of India as they continue
7 their efforts to rebuild their cities and their
8 lives;

9 (B) continuing and substantially increasing
10 the amount of disaster assistance being pro-
11 vided by the United States Agency for Inter-
12 national Development and other relief agencies
13 for recovery from the earthquake to not less
14 than \$100,000,000; and

15 (C) providing future economic assistance in
16 order to help rebuild Gujarat;

17 (3)(A) supports the economic assistance efforts
18 of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank,
19 and the international community; and

20 (B) urges the President to use United States
21 influence with these bodies to expedite these efforts;
22 and

1 (4) recognizes and encourages assistance pro-
2 vided by other nations to alleviate the suffering of
3 the people of India.

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