

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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 of January 26, 2001, 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 India has asked the World Bank for \$1,700,000,000 in economic assistance to start rebuilding from the earthquake;

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

Whereas offers of assistance have also come from the Governments of Turkey, Switzerland, Taiwan, Russia, Germany,

China, Canada, and others, as well as countless non-governmental organizations: Now, therefore, be it

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

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

7 (2) expresses its support for—

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

11 (B) the efforts of the World Bank;

12 (C) continuing and substantially increasing
13 the amount of disaster assistance being pro-
14 vided by the United States Agency for Inter-
15 national Development (USAID) and other relief
16 agencies; and

17 (D) providing future economic assistance
18 in order to help rebuild Gujarat; and

1 (3) recognizes and encourages the important as-
2 sistance that also could be provided by other nations
3 to alleviate the suffering of the people of India.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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