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H. RES. 607

Extending best wishes to the people of India as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of India's independence from the British Empire.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2007

Mr. MCDERMOTT (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Extending best wishes to the people of India as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of India's independence from the British Empire.

Whereas August 15th, India's Independence Day, is a national holiday in India;

Whereas on August 15, 1947, India officially became a sovereign nation;

Whereas August 15, 2007, will mark the 60th anniversary of the day India gained its independence from the British Empire;

Whereas India has progressed as a secular, sovereign, and democratic republic, and is continually making strides in gender, education, and social and economic equality;

Whereas India has opened up its economy to trade and investment and the United States is the largest trading partner of India;

Whereas India elected its first female President, The Honorable Pratibha Patil, on July 25, 2007, 41 years after it elected its first female Prime Minister, The Honorable Indira Gandhi;

Whereas India and the United States have a strong ongoing partnership regarding the promotion of democratic values, cooperation on international security, and collaboration on strategic initiatives;

Whereas Americans of Indian origin are the fastest growing and one of the highest educated immigrant groups in the United States;

Whereas Americans of Indian origin have become important contributors in the political, military, and economic sectors of the United States;

Whereas Americans of Indian origin are serving in all branches of the United States Armed Forces, including in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

Whereas foreign direct investment by India continues to grow at record levels and contributes significantly to the growth of the United States economy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes India as a long-term strategic
3 partner of the United States;

4 (2) applauds the Indian-American community
5 in the United States for the important role it plays

1 in the relationship between the United States and
2 India; and

3 (3) extends best wishes to the people of India
4 as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of India's
5 independence from the British Empire.

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