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Expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of the United States-India strategic partnership and the continued deepening of bilateral ties with India.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KAINÉ, and Mr. RISCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of the United States-India strategic partnership and the continued deepening of bilateral ties with India.

Whereas the United States-India relationship is built on mutual respect for common values, including democracy, the rule of law, a market economy, and ethnic and religious diversity, and bolstered by strong people-to-people ties, including a 3,000,000-strong Indian American diaspora;

Whereas the Senate places tremendous value on the relationship with India, and the bipartisan Senate India Caucus comprises 40 Senators and is the largest bilateral caucus in the Senate;

Whereas the United States and India have a unique opportunity, in the early days of the new administration in India, to refresh the United States-India relationship and work cooperatively to make progress that will benefit both of our countries in a broad range of areas, including education, skills development, infrastructure, and energy;

Whereas a strong economic partnership between India and the United States requires a mutual respect for innovation;

Whereas an investment environment that fosters continued research and development and the bilateral relationship between the United States and India has resulted in almost \$100,000,000,000 in trade of goods and services in 2013;

Whereas the United States-India relationship is vital to promoting stability, democracy, and economic prosperity in the 21st century;

Whereas defense and security ties have led to nearly \$10,000,000,000 in defense trade, and the United States-India Defense Trade and Technology Initiative has facilitated greater cooperation on joint development of defense platforms;

Whereas counterterrorism cooperation is a growing and important aspect of the partnership given the terrorist threats faced by both countries, including from groups such as al Qaeda and Lashkar-e-Taiba;

Whereas the United States values India's role as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region and promoter of regional stability and maritime security in the Asian Pacific region; and

Whereas India is a close partner of the United States in Afghanistan, has committed over \$2,000,000,000 in development assistance, and shares the United States goal of a stable, democratic, and prosperous Afghanistan; Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, It is the sense of the Senate that—

2           (1) Prime Minister Narendra Modi should be  
3       able to address the United States Congress at the  
4       earliest opportunity;

5           (2) the United States Government should de-  
6       velop a clear strategic plan for its relationship with  
7       India and hold a robust strategic dialogue in New  
8       Delhi that lays out clear objectives and deliverables  
9       to set a positive trajectory for the relationship and  
10      moves from dialogue to action to build a path for-  
11     ward for more ambitious cooperation;

12          (3) the United States nominate and confirm an  
13      Ambassador to India as soon as possible;

14          (4) the United States and India should continue  
15      to expand economic engagement, including finalizing  
16      a bilateral investment treaty and reviving the Trade  
17      Policy Forum;

18          (5) the United States Government should urge  
19      the Government of India to continue with its eco-  
20      nomic liberalization reforms, including lifting the  
21      caps on foreign direct investment and taking steps

1 to enhance protections for intellectual property, and  
2 consider discussions with other Asia-Pacific Eco-  
3 nomic Cooperation (APEC) forum nations about In-  
4 dian membership in APEC;

5 (6) the United States and India should expand  
6 energy cooperation, by India fully implementing the  
7 2008 civil nuclear pact, and the United States pur-  
8 suing increased export of liquefied natural gas to  
9 India;

10 (7) the United States and India should continue  
11 to deepen defense and security cooperation, to in-  
12 clude expanded joint exercises and training, sales  
13 and co-production, holding a “2+2” meeting of sen-  
14 ior defense and foreign affairs officials, and reestab-  
15 lishing the Defense Policy Group; and

16 (8) the United States Government should urge  
17 the Government of India to modify its offset regime  
18 so funds can flow to a second tier of Indian prior-  
19 ities such as education, skills development, or manu-  
20 facturing.

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