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Condemning the terrorist attack in India that tragically killed 41 Indian Central Reserve Police.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

## RESOLUTION

- Condemning the terrorist attack in India that tragically killed 41 Indian Central Reserve Police.
- Whereas, on February 14, 2019, a Kashmiri resident attacked an Indian Central Reserve Police convoy in Jammu and Kashmir, killing 41 people and wounding at least 44 others;
- Whereas Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), a United Nations (UN) Security Council and United States Government-recognized terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the attack;
- Whereas Jaish-e-Mohammad has been responsible for numerous terrorist attacks in India, including attacks on the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) legislative assembly in Octo-

ber 2001 and on the Indian Parliament in December 2001;

- Whereas this event harmed individuals of various faiths and backgrounds;
- Whereas acts of terrorism create tremendous pain and suffering in local communities;
- Whereas terrorism disrupts the fabric of trust in society and should not be used as a means to solve problems, in South Asia or anywhere in the world;
- Whereas, on March 1, 2019, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi admitted that the head of Jaish-e-Mohammad, Masood Azhar, is in Pakistan;
- Whereas, on May 1, 2019, the UN designated Masood Azhar as a global terrorist;
- Whereas efforts were taken to de-escalate tensions following the attack;
- Whereas India is the most populous democracy in the world;
- Whereas misinformation was rampant during the crisis and contributed to the rise in tensions;
- Whereas respect for religious, ethnic, and other minorities is a pillar of democracy and fosters peace and prosperity;
- Whereas India and the United States launched a strategic partnership in 2005 to deepen security ties; and
- Whereas India and the United States share many values as well as economic and security interests, including with regards to counterterrorism: Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns harshly the terrorist attack in
 India that tragically killed 41 Indian Central Re serve Police;

4 (2) recognizes that terrorist groups, including
5 Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and al-Qaeda,
6 pose a threat to the peace and security of the world,
7 and work to undermine fundamental values such de8 mocracy, development, and diplomacy;

9 (3) supports the rights of religious and other
10 minorities around the world, including Kashmiri
11 Pandits, Muslims, Sikhs, Sindhis, Hindus, Chris12 tians, Jews, and Ahmadis;

(4) reaffirms solidarity with the Indian people
and offers its deepest condolences to people who lost
loved ones in the terrorist attack; and

16 (5) reiterates support for the strong United
17 States-India strategic partnership, which plays an
18 instrumental role in ensuring peace and stability in
19 Asia and across the world.

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