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Recognizing the strategic value of the historical partnership between the
United States and India.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BERA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the strategic value of the historical partnership
between the United States and India.

Whereas the Republic of India achieved its independence on
August 15, 1947, marking the birth of the world's largest
democracy;

Whereas, for more than three decades, it has been the policy
of the United States under administrations of Presidents
Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump, and Biden to strengthen
the strategic partnership with India, recognizing its im-
portance to regional stability, democratic governance, eco-
nomic growth, and shared regional priorities;

Whereas the United States-India Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership is essential to regional stability, economic growth, and global security;

Whereas, according to United Nations, India is the most populous country in the world, with an estimated population of more than 1,428,000,000 people;

Whereas strong people-to-people and educational exchanges between the United States and the Republic of India cement our Nation's ties and serve as the foundation for deeper cooperation;

Whereas, in 2004, the United States and India signed the Next Step in Strategic Partnership which laid the foundation for expanded cooperation in civilian nuclear energy, defense, and high technology;

Whereas, in 2005, the United States and India issued the joint statement on Civil Nuclear Cooperation leading to the passage of the Henry J. Hyde United States-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act of 2006 and the subsequent conclusion of the United States-India 123 Agreement in 2008;

Whereas Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India has twice addressed joint meetings of Congress, first on June 8, 2016, under the leadership of Speaker Paul D. Ryan, and again on June 22, 2023, under the leadership of Speaker Kevin McCarthy, both times with bipartisan support from the leadership of the House of Representatives and the Senate reflecting the enduring support within Congress for strengthening the United States-India partnership;

Whereas the strength of the United States-India partnership has been reflected through historic people-to-people

events, including the “Howdy, Modi!” gathering in Houston, Texas, on September 22, 2019, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald J. Trump jointly addressed more than 50,000 Indian Americans, and the “Namaste Trump” event in Ahmedabad, India, on February 24, 2020, which celebrated the enduring friendship between the American and Indian peoples;

Whereas the Mumbai terror attacks on November 26–29, 2008, led to the deaths of 166 individuals, including citizens from both India and the United States;

Whereas, on April 22, 2025, a terrorist attack in Pahalgam claimed the lives of 26 civilians and injured dozens more, and was claimed by The Resistance Front (a proxy of Lashkar-e-Taiba), highlighting the persistent threat of cross-border and proxy terrorism in South Asia;

Whereas, in the wake of the Pahalgam attack, the Government of the United States designated The Resistance Front as a foreign terrorist organization and as a specially designated global terrorist underscoring the alignment of United States and Indian efforts to hold terror groups accountable;

Whereas India and the United States maintain a dedicated counterterrorism dialogue mechanism and regularly coordinate on terrorist designations, intelligence sharing, mutual legal assistance, extraditions, and related counterterrorism cooperation;

Whereas enhancing counterterrorism cooperation between the United States and India is essential to protect citizens, strengthen regional stability, disrupt terrorist networks, and promote a rules-based international order;

Whereas the United States designated India as a Major Defense Partner in 2016, and a strong United States-India defense partnership is critical for United States and Indian interests in the Indo-Pacific region;

Whereas the United States and India subsequently signed the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement, Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement, Strategic Trade Authorization Tier 1, Industrial Security Agreement, and Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement to deepen defense interoperability and secure technology sharing;

Whereas the two countries launched the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies in 2023 to cover cooperation in semiconductors, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, and space which was renamed United States-India Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology to focus on artificial intelligence infrastructure;

Whereas the United States and India also cooperate through multilateral institutions, including the Quad, comprising the United States, India, Japan, and Australia, which was elevated to the ministerial level under the Trump administration and to the leader's level under the Biden administration, reflecting bipartisan recognition of the Quad's indispensable role in advancing regional stability, maritime security, and global cooperation;

Whereas the United States and India agreed to a Drug Policy Framework in 2024 agreement and Memorandum of Understanding, aimed at disrupting the trafficking of illicit synthetic drugs;

Whereas the two countries signed the Bilateral Cultural Property Agreement in 2024 to facilitate the return of stolen or trafficked cultural artifacts;

Whereas both countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cybercrime Investigations in January 2025 to enhance cooperation in cybercrime investigations, digital forensics, and intelligence;

Whereas the diverse Indian-American community, which numbers over four million individuals, is critical to the strong people-to-people ties between India and the United States and forms one of the strongest bonds linking our two countries together; and

Whereas Indian Americans have made significant and enduring contributions to the United States across diverse fields, including business, academia, science, technology, medicine, health care, public service, and the arts, demonstrating through their innovation, hard work, and civic engagement the promise of the American Dream: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms the strong and long-standing part-
3 nership between the Governments of the United
4 States and the Republic of India, rooted in people-
5 to-people ties, strategic interests, including uphold-
6 ing peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pa-
7 cific region;

8 (2) encourages the United States and India to
9 continue and expand cooperation for a free, open,

1 and resilient Indo-Pacific, including through the
2 Quad;

3 (3) welcomes the Republic of India's participa-
4 tion in economic initiatives, including through bilat-
5 eral and multilateral forums, its participation in the
6 Quad, and other venues of cooperation;

7 (4) supports the United States and the Repub-
8 lic of India identifying further opportunities to deep-
9 en engagement and further defense, commercial, and
10 investment ties;

11 (5) calls for continued cooperation on counter-
12 terrorism including the swift prosecution of the per-
13 petrators of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks;

14 (6) affirms the importance of technology co-
15 operation between the United States and India, in-
16 cluding through the United States-India Trans-
17 forming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Tech-
18 nology;

19 (7) recognizes the importance of expanding peo-
20 ple-to-people programs between the United States
21 and India, particularly between educational institu-
22 tions;

23 (8) appreciates the contributions of the Indian-
24 American diaspora, and desires closer relations be-

1 tween the people of the United States and the people
2 of India;

3 (9) recognizes India's growing energy needs as
4 an essential component of its economic development,
5 and applauds India for increasing its purchases of
6 United States energy resources, which enhance mu-
7 tual energy security, economic prosperity, and bilat-
8 eral cooperation; and

9 (10) views the bilateral relationship as holding
10 the potential to bring significant benefit to the citi-
11 zens of both nations, and to make considerable con-
12 tributions to addressing the global challenges of the
13 21st century.