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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HYDE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. WYNN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. OBEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. FERGUSON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. DICKS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. HORN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. STARK, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. KING, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. CHABOT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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 appealed to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the international community for the economic assistance to meet the substantial relief and reconstruction needs facing that country in the aftermath of 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 House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the citi-
4 zens of the state of Gujarat and to all of India for

1 the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earth-
2 quake of January 26, 2001;

3 (2) expresses its support for—

4 (A) the people of India as they continue
5 their efforts to rebuild their cities and their
6 lives;

7 (B) continuing and substantially increasing
8 the amount of disaster assistance being pro-
9 vided by the United States Agency for Inter-
10 national Development (USAID) and other relief
11 agencies; and

12 (C) providing future economic assistance in
13 order to help rebuild Gujarat;

14 (3)(A) supports the economic assistance efforts
15 of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank,
16 and the international community; and

17 (B) urges the President to use United States
18 influence with these bodies to expedite these efforts;
19 and

20 (4) recognizes and encourages the important as-
21 sistance that also could be provided by other nations
22 to alleviate the suffering of the people of India.

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