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H. CON. RES. 60

Commending India for its commitment to religious pluralism and tolerance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 1995

Mr. ROSE (for himself and Mr. GILMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending India for its commitment to religious pluralism
and tolerance.

Whereas in 1920, Mohandas K. Ghandhi initiated a popular movement against the British colonialists which eventually led to Indian independence in 1947;

Whereas that movement, known as “satayagraha”, has become synonymous with nonviolent passive resistance;

Whereas India was founded as a secular republic, stressing tolerance and respect for all religions;

Whereas few other nations have been so prolific in religious thought or have been the birthplace of faiths which have been followed by so many throughout the world;

Whereas India is now the world’s largest democracy with over 900,000,000 people, comprised of Hindus, Moslems,

Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jews, Jains, Parsis, and other ethnic and religious minorities; and

Whereas the Constitution of India grants specific rights for religious groups to follow their own religious laws: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) the Government of India should be com-
4 mended for its commitment to religious pluralism
5 and tolerance;

6 (2) the Government of India should be recog-
7 nized for its willingness to give refuge to displaced
8 victims of religious persecution; and

9 (3) the people of the United States recognize
10 and appreciate the enormous contributions of India
11 to the cause of religious harmony throughout the
12 world.

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