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Commending the People's Republic of Bangladesh for its commitment to the principles of democracy, economic reform, and international peacekeeping.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas with a population of roughly 120,000,000 people in 144,000 square kilometers of area, Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated nations in the world and faces many natural challenges;

Whereas in 1991, Bangladesh demonstrated to the world its commitment to secular democracy by holding free and fair parliamentary elections;

Whereas, despite demographic challenges, and despite the difficulties encumbered by the status of Bangladesh as a developing nation, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh has undertaken bold economic reforms which have created great opportunities for the people of Bangladesh, and for

those foreign companies which desire to invest in Bangladesh;

Whereas since 1991, the Government of Bangladesh has undertaken major economic reforms resulting in a doubling of foreign reserves;

Whereas Bangladesh has given refuge and shelter to the Rohingya refugees who have fled to Bangladesh to seek refuge from oppression and atrocities in Burma; and

Whereas Bangladesh has played a significant role in United Nations peacekeeping efforts: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the Government of Bangladesh and its
4 Prime Minister should be commended for their demonstrated
5 commitment to democracy, economic reform, and the principles of international
6 peacekeeping under the auspices of the United Nations;

8 (2) the Government of Bangladesh should be
9 commended for its humanitarian efforts on behalf of
10 the Rohingya refugees; and

11 (3) the United States should take all appropriate
12 steps to improve ties with Bangladesh and its
13 people, and to encourage joint ventures between
14 United States industry and Bangladesh industry
15 which will help improve the standard of living of all
16 of the citizens of Bangladesh.

