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Expressing support for the Republic of India to gain a permanent seat
on the United Nations Security Council.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. POLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the Republic of India to gain a
permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council.

Whereas the current makeup of the permanent United Nations Security Council, the United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia, and China, reflects the global power structure in the immediate postwar world;

Whereas the challenges of the 21st century require that United Nations Security Council membership be reformed to include rising economic, political, diplomatic, and military powers representative of all regions of the world;

Whereas, on October 12, 2010, the Republic of India was elected by an overwhelming majority of the United Nations General Assembly as the Asian regional representa-

tive to the Security Council, which is seen as a key step towards achieving a permanent seat;

Whereas India is an increasingly influential global power, the most populous democracy on earth, and an indispensable partner to the United States;

Whereas with a population of almost 1,200,000,000, India represents about one-sixth of the world's people;

Whereas India is one of the fastest growing major economies in the world, the dominant economic power in South Asia, has the world's second largest labor force, and is an increasingly significant hub for high-tech industry, telecommunications, and automobile manufacturing;

Whereas India has the third largest standing army in the world and ranks 10th in overall military expenditures;

Whereas India has a strategic role in addressing major global security issues, and has provided tens of thousands of troops for dozens of United Nations peacekeeping missions around the world;

Whereas India is a strong participant in numerous multilateral international and regional organizations, from the World Trade Organization to the G20 to the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation and the East Asia Summit;

Whereas India is an essential partner of the United States and supports many of the Nation's goals and policies, from counterterrorism to export trade to domestic economic recovery efforts; and

Whereas President Barack Obama, to a joint session of the Indian Parliament on November 8, 2010, said, "The United States not only welcomes India as a rising global

power, we fervently support it . . .”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses appreciation for the Republic of
3 India as a strong, democratic ally, key economic
4 partner, and a rising global power;

5 (2) supports India’s inclusion as a permanent
6 member of the United Nations Security Council; and

7 (3) encourages President Barack Obama to
8 work with friends and allies of the United States in
9 the United Nations to effect India’s inclusion on the
10 Security Council.

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