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Welcoming the Prime Minister of India to the United States for meetings
to advance the United States-India partnership.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 24), 2013

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. KIRK)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Welcoming the Prime Minister of India to the United States
for meetings to advance the United States-India partnership.

Whereas, on August 15, 1947, India became a sovereign,
democratic nation;

Whereas India is the world's largest democracy, embracing
fundamental liberties and freedoms, justice, and the rule
of law;

Whereas India is a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-re-
ligious society that promotes tolerance, diversity, and
equality;

Whereas a strong relationship with India, the world's largest
democracy, is critically important to United States inter-
ests;

Whereas the 2014 parliamentary elections in India are a further opportunity to strengthen the democratic institutions of the world's largest democracy;

Whereas the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, has led his government in undertaking a series of reforms designed to strengthen the Indian economy and transform the bilateral economic relationship into a true strategic partnership;

Whereas India is one of the world's fastest growing and dynamic economies, and a strong, economically competitive India is ultimately good for American business and American jobs;

Whereas the 100,000 Indians who are studying in the United States and the 2,700,000 Americans of Indian descent living in the United States, including Nobel Laureates, artists, business leaders, journalists, and public servants, have contributed enormously to the rich social, political, and economic fabric of the United States;

Whereas India serves as a pivotal and effective partner in ensuring international peace and security and is the third largest contributor of personnel to United Nations peace-keeping missions;

Whereas security and defense cooperation between the United States and India continues to grow, as India remains a steadfast partner in countering the rise of extremists and currently participates in more naval exercises with the United States than any other nation;

Whereas the Defense Trade Initiative is successfully realigning India and United States procurement processes and United States military sales to India have totaled almost \$9,000,000,000 in the last several years;

Whereas India is the largest regional contributor to reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and will be an important partner in the transition of United States forces from Afghanistan in 2014;

Whereas the market economy in India has contributed to increased economic opportunities, reduced poverty, and accompanying stability;

Whereas foreign direct investment and a transparent and progressive investment climate can play a critical role in economic development in India and strengthening United States-India economic relations;

Whereas the foundation of a strong economic partnership between India and the United States requires a mutual respect for innovation and an investment environment that fosters continued research and development;

Whereas a Bilateral Investment Treaty would provide protections for investors and help unleash needed investment in India;

Whereas furthering the bilateral dialogue on trade and investment is key to broadening and deepening the economic relationship between the United States and India, which can provide both Indian and American companies increased opportunities for exports; and

Whereas a strong relationship between the people and Governments of the United States and India, based on mutual trust and respect, will enable the countries to more closely collaborate across a broad spectrum of interests, such as global peace and prosperity, counterterrorism, defense, nonproliferation, economic prosperity, energy and climate change, education, scientific research, outer

space, public health, and agriculture: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) warmly welcomes the Prime Minister of
3 India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, on his visit to the
4 United States, which provides a timely opportunity
5 to reinforce the United States-India relationship and
6 make progress on a number of fronts;

7 (2) believes that together, the Governments of
8 India and the United States can bring immense ben-
9 efits to their people and make enormous contribu-
10 tions to addressing the global challenges of the 21st
11 century;

12 (3) looks forward to making progress on a
13 range of issues to deepen and broaden the strategic
14 partnership between India and the United States;

15 (4) welcomes continued progress towards a Bi-
16 lateral Investment Treaty;

17 (5) supports progress and implementation of
18 the landmark United States-India civil nuclear
19 agreement;

20 (6) acknowledges that the progress made by the
21 Government of India on economic reforms has
22 opened new channels for foreign direct investment,
23 and believes further liberalization can bring in-
24 creased prosperity to both countries; and

1 (7) recognizes there is strong potential to grow
2 the bilateral relationship and increase cooperation
3 between the United States and India, elevating the
4 relationship to an even stronger strategic partner-
5 ship.

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