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Welcoming Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India,
upon his first official visit to the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States and India are two of the world's largest democracies that together represent one-fifth of the world's population and more than one-fourth of the world's economy;

Whereas the United States and India share common ideals and a vision for the 21st century, where freedom and democracy are the strongest foundations for peace and prosperity;

Whereas the growing partnership between the United States and India is reinforced by the ties of scholarship and commerce and, increasingly, of kinship among our people;

Whereas the million-strong Indian-American community in the United States has enriched and enlivened the societies of both the United States and India, and this community provides a strong bond between India and the United States and is playing an important role in deepening and strengthening cooperation between India and the United States; and

Whereas the visit to the United States of the Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, is a significant step in the broadening and strengthening of relations between the United States and India: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate hereby—

2 (1) welcomes the Prime Minister of India, Atal
3 Bihari Vajpayee, upon his first official visit to the
4 United States;

5 (2) pledges its commitment to the expansion of
6 ties between the United States and India, to the mu-
7 tual benefit of both countries; and

8 (3) recognizes that the visit of the Prime Min-
9 ister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, to the United
10 States is a significant step towards broadening and
11 deepening the friendship and cooperation between
12 the United States and India.

13 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
14 a copy of this resolution to the President with the request
15 that he further transmit such copy to the Prime Minister
16 of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

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