
**Introduced by Senators Nguyen, Anderson, Bates, Berryhill,
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Senate Resolution No. 42—Relative to India’s Independence Day.

1 WHEREAS, As the day began on August 15, 1947, at the stroke
2 of midnight, the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru,
3 gave his famous Tryst with Destiny speech proclaiming India’s
4 independence; and
5 WHEREAS, The Tryst with Destiny speech, considered to be
6 one of the greatest speeches of all time, captured the essence of
7 the 100-year nonviolent Indian freedom struggle against British
8 colonial rule in India; and
9 WHEREAS, India’s Independence Day is one of the most
10 important national holidays in India. The biggest event of the day
11 takes place in Delhi where the Prime Minister hoists the national
12 flag at the Red Fort, delivers a nationally televised speech that
13 highlights the achievements of the government, discusses current
14 issues and future plans for progress, and pays tribute to the leaders
15 of India’s struggle for freedom; and
16 WHEREAS, India’s Independence Day is celebrated on August
17 15 of each year to commemorate its independence. It was
18 celebrated by 400 million Indians in 1947, and today is celebrated
19 by more than one billion people living in India and many people
20 living in other parts of the world, including California, which is
21 home to the largest population of Asian Indians in the United
22 States; now, therefore, be it
23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
24 hereby recognizes August 15, 2015, as India’s Independence Day,

- 1 and urges all Californians to join in celebrating India's
- 2 independence; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.