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Reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. YOHO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

Whereas the United States and Japan established diplomatic relations on March 31, 1854, with the signing of the Treaty of Peace and Amity;

Whereas for more than the past 70 years, the partnership between the United States and Japan has played a vital role in ensuring peace, stability, and economic development in Asia and beyond;

Whereas the United States and Japan are deeply committed to the common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and free market economies;

Whereas the current United States-Japan alliance, forged over six decades ago with the signing of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, is the cornerstone for stability and prosperity of Japan and for the Indo-Pacific region, and plays a key role in global peace and stability;

Whereas the United States and Japan are indispensable partners in combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, improving global health, countering human trafficking and promoting human rights, assisting the victims of conflict and disaster worldwide, and contributing to global economic development;

Whereas the alliance is a testament to the ability of great nations to overcome the past and jointly work to create a more secure and prosperous future;

Whereas our two countries, coming from different cultural backgrounds, have created an active and dynamic relationship beneficial to both peoples;

Whereas cultural and people-to-people ties between the United States and Japan are long-standing and deep, as exemplified by the gift of the beautiful cherry trees that dot our nation's capital from the People of Japan to the People of the United States in 1912, signifying the affection and respect between the two nations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms the vital role of the United States-
3 Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and
4 prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond;

1 (2) underscores the importance of the close peo-
2 ple-to-people and cultural ties between our two na-
3 tions;

4 (3) calls for the strengthening and broadening
5 of diplomatic, economic, and security ties between
6 the United States and Japan; and

7 (4) calls for the continued cooperation between
8 the Governments of the United States and Japan in
9 addressing global challenges that threaten the secu-
10 rity of people everywhere in the “Reiwa” era of
11 Japan, which the Japanese Government translates
12 as “beautiful harmony”.

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