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# Crowley on India

Congressman Crowley has been a staunch supporter and committed friend of India and the Indian-American community in the 7th Congressional District. As a member of the influential Committee on International Relations, Congressman Crowley has actively pursued legislation and diplomatic initiatives to promote stability, peace and prosperity throughout the South Asian region.

In the 108th Congress, Congressman Crowley is Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans which is the largest country caucus in the US House of Representatives.

# **Funds for Emergency Preparedness and** Response

- In the Fiscal Year 2002 Foreign Operations Bill, Congressman Crowley secured \$10 million from the International Disaster Assistance fund administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development.
- The funds would be used to help countries of South Asia, including India, develop an indigenous capability to prepare for and respond to natural disasters such as earthquakes, cyclones and droughts.

# Assistance for Gujarat Earthquake and Support for Recovery

- Following the devastating earthquake in Gujarat earlier this year, Congressman Crowley met with Indian-American community leaders in Queens and lobbied in Congress for emergency U.S. assistance to help disaster relief efforts.
- Congressman Crowley is a co-sponsor of two House Concurrent Resolutions, 15 and 151, both expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating Gujarat earthquake
- H. Con. Res. 15 and H. Con. Res. 151 urged the President to use U.S. influence with multilateral organizations such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank to expedite disaster relief and economic assistance to help rebuilt Gujarat.
- Congressman Crowley is a co-sponsor of H.R. 1760 authorizing \$468,500,000 in emergency disaster assistance for earthquake recovery in India and El Salvador.
- Congressman Crowley also participated in a hearing held by the Middle East and South Asian Subcommittee of the Committee on International

Relations regarding the U.S. response to the Gujarat earthquake.

# **Support for the Lifting of Sanctions**

- Congressman Crowley strongly supports normalization of bilateral relations between the U.S. and Indian governments.
- As a strong supporter of lifting sanctions against India, he was pleased to see them removed recently

# Keeping in Touch with the Community

- To show his continuing support for the Indian-American community in Queens and his attention to the Gujarat earthquake recovery efforts still underway, Congressman Crowley had lunch with and participated in a walking tour with the Jackson Heights Merchants Association in June.
- In July, Congressman Crowley attended the Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC) Annual Gala Banquet Dinner in Washington, D.C.
- The Congressman joined other Members of Congress, diplomats and prominent IAFC members in congratulating the IAFC and members of the Indian-American community from all over the country for their work on issues affecting the community.

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