

Senate Resolution 355

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A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the quadrilateral cooperation between Australia, India, Japan, and the United
2 States in their shared vision for the free and open Indo-Pacific region as well as the first ever
3 leader-level summit of the Quad; and other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Australia, India, Japan, and the United States have worked together since 2004
5 to strive for a region that is free, open, inclusive, healthy, anchored by democratic values, and
6 unconstrained by coercion; and

7 WHEREAS, the Quad has committed to working together against the global devastation
8 wrought by COVID-19, the threat of climate change, and security challenges facing the
9 region; and

10 WHEREAS, they have committed to promoting a free, open, and rules-based order rooted
11 in international law to advance security and prosperity and counter threats in the Indo-Pacific
12 and beyond; and

13 WHEREAS, the Quad has agreed to join forces to expand safe, affordable, and effective
14 vaccine production and equitable access in order to speed economic recovery and benefit
15 global health; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of the Quad have committed to combining their nations' medical,
17 scientific, financing, manufacturing, delivery, and development capabilities and establishing
18 a vaccine expert working group to implement their path-breaking commitment to safe and
19 effective vaccine distribution; and

20 WHEREAS, experts and senior officials from all member nations have agreed to meet
21 regularly, including an in-person summit at the leader-level, and have re-affirmed their
22 commitment to leveraging their partnership to help the world's most dynamic region respond
23 to historic crisis so that it may be the free, open, accessible, diverse, and thriving
24 Indo-Pacific.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 celebrate the quadrilateral cooperation between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States
27 in their shared vision for the free and open Indo-Pacific region and thank Dr. Swati Vijay
28 Kulkarni, Consul General for India in Atlanta, and her staff for their representation of Indian
29 Americans in Georgia and for their commitment to representing the Indo-Pacific region.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the leaders of the
32 Quad and to Consul General Dr. Swati Vijay Kulkarni.