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THIRD READING

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Bill No: ACR 100  
Author: Kalra (D) and Patel (D), et al.  
Introduced: 6/18/25  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** India's Independence Day

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution recognizes August 15, 2025, as India's Independence Day and urge all Californians to join in celebrating India's independence.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) India's Independence Day is one of the most important national holidays in India. The biggest event of the day takes place in Delhi, where the Prime Minister hoists the national flag at the Red Fort, delivers a nationally televised speech that highlights the achievements of the government, discusses current issues and future plans for progress, and pays tribute to the leaders of India's struggle for freedom.
- 2) The local community of people in California who hail from India, or with ancestral ties to India, continually demonstrate the greatness and beauty of their homeland, and their contributions are notable and reflect success in many industries and community activism.
- 3) Ever since August 15, 1947, India's nonviolent struggle for freedom, its rejection of terrorism and extremism, and its belief in democracy, tolerance, and the rule of law have been an inspiration and beacon of hope for people around the world.
- 4) India's example has had a profound effect on many countries, including the United States. Leaders of our civil rights movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke about the debt they owed to Mahatma Gandhi. Ties between our two peoples have never been stronger. The over three million members of the Indian American community are living examples of the bonds

that bind our nations together, and their accomplishments have become well-known and admired in both countries.

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**Related/Prior Legislation**

ACR 214 (Kalra, Resolution Chapter 170, Statutes of 2024).

ACR 90 (Kalra, Resolution Chapter 154, Statutes of 2023).

ACR 206 (Kalra, 2022) – In Senate without further action.

ACR 97 (Kalra, Resolution Chapter 140, Statutes of 2021).

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No   Fiscal Com.: No   Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/27/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/27/25)

None received

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