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MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, July 26, 2000 marks the first anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil conflict when the last of the Pakistani aggressors was evicted from our territory. Recalling the sacrifices of many of our brave soldiers and airmen who laid down their lives to protect the territorial integrity of India and the acts of courage and gallantry displayed by our troops, this House salutes the memory of those who were killed in defending the motherland and applauds the dedication and professional commitment of the members of our Armed Forces. This House reaffirms the nation's commitment to the welfare of the families of the martyrs and of those who were disabled. This House also recalls with pride and joy the great unity, solidarity and sense of purpose that the entire nation displayed during the crisis which demonstrated India's unshakeable resolve to foil any misadventure of the kind that our neighbour regrettably engaged herself in.

Today, on the occasion of the *Kargil Vijay Diwas*, this House reiterates India's resolve to beat back any aggression as well as our commitment to the path of peace and maintenance of good relations with our neighbours.