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Add at the end of subtitle G of title XII the following:

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON CROSS-BORDER VIOLENCE IN THE GALWAN VALLEY AND THE GROWING TERRITORIAL CLAIMS OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Since a truce in 1962 ended skirmishes between India and the People’s Republic of China, the countries have been divided by a 2,100-mile-long Line of Actual Control.

(2) In the decades since the truce, military standoffs between India and the People’s Republic of China have flared; however, the standoffs have rarely claimed the lives of soldiers.

(3) In the months leading up to June, 15, 2020, along the Line of Actual Control, the People’s Republic of China—

(A) reportedly amassed 5,000 soldiers; and
(B) is believed to have crossed into previously disputed territory considered to be settled as part of India under the 1962 truce.

(4) On June 6, 2020, the People’s Republic of China and India reached an agreement to deescalate and disengage along the Line of Actual Control.

(5) On June 15, 2020, at least 20 Indian soldiers and an unconfirmed number of Chinese soldiers were killed in skirmishes following a weeks-long standoff in Eastern Ladakh, which is the de facto border between India and the People’s Republic of China.

(6) Following the deadly violence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India stated, “[w]henever there have been differences of opinion, we have always tried to ensure that those differences never turned into a dispute”.

(b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) India and the People’s Republic of China should work toward deescalating the situation along the Line of Actual Control; and

(2) the expansion and aggression of the People’s Republic of China in and around disputed territories, such as the Line of Actual Control, the South
China Sea, the Senkaku Islands, is of significant concern.