

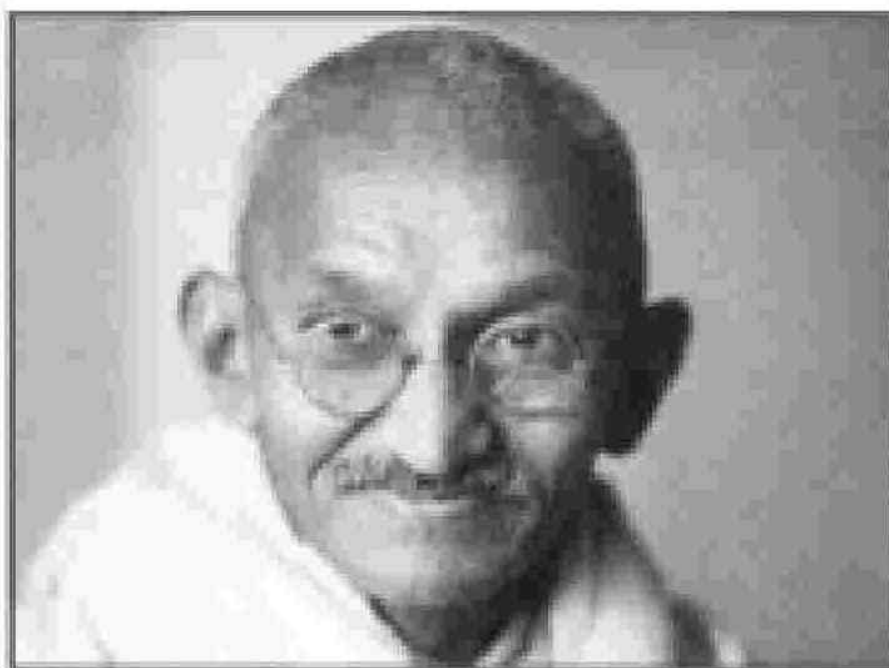
US to honour Mahatma Gandhi with Congressional Gold Medal

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A RESOLUTION has been moved in the House of Representatives to honour Mahatma Gandhi with the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award bestowed by the US Congress, in recognition of his promotion of peace and non-violence.

Co-sponsored by four Indian-American lawmakers —



Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna and Pramila Jayapal — the resolution was introduced by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney on September 23.

The resolution has been sent to the Committee on Financial Services and Committee on House Administration for necessary action.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian honour given by the US Congress and very few foreigners have been recipients of this award.

Prominent among those include Mother Teresa (1997), Nelson Mandela (1998) and the Dalai Lama (2006). **PTI**