

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 393

Expressing the sense of the Congress in remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the devastating hurricane which struck Galveston, Texas, on September 8, 1900.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas September 8, 2000, marks the 100th anniversary of the hurricane that struck Galveston, Texas, on September 8, 1900, the deadliest natural disaster in United States history;

Whereas at the dawn of the 20th century, an estimated 6,000 people in this thriving port of 37,000—dubbed the “Wall Street of the West”—died in a few hours;

Whereas vast waves, surging flood waters, and powerful winds of more than 120 miles an hour overtook the town, in an era without radar, satellites, or modern radio, making off-shore hurricanes difficult to track;

Whereas the residents of Galveston Island showed much courage and sacrifice during the tempest, exemplified by 10 nuns who lost their lives, along with the 90 children they were trying to save at St. Mary's Orphanage on the beach;

Whereas Galveston never lost her resilient spirit, but instead built a sturdy 17-foot seawall that staved off other fierce hurricanes, pumped in millions of tons of sand from the Gulf of Mexico in order to raise the level of the city and its buildings to a safer height, and became a beautiful and prosperous town yet again;

Whereas the city of Galveston is this year holding a ceremony commemorating the hurricane, launching education efforts, and celebrating the rebirth of Galveston after the storm;

Whereas the Nation, which benefits from modern weather technology and the lessons learned from the Galveston tragedy, should never cease to improve hurricane forecasting and to make life safer and more secure along the Nation's coasts; and

Whereas September 8, 2000, is Galveston Hurricane Remembrance Day: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2        *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3                (1) recognizes the historical significance of the  
4                100th anniversary of the hurricane which devastated  
5                Galveston, Texas;

6                (2) remembers the victims of the Galveston hur-  
7                ricane of 1900; and

1           (3) urges the President to issue a proclamation  
2       in memory of the thousands of Galvestonians and  
3       other Americans who lost their lives in the dev-  
4       astating hurricane of 1900 and the survivors who re-  
5       built Galveston, Texas.

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