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Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003.

Whereas on the evening of May 21, 2003, a devastating and deadly earthquake of a magnitude of 6.8 on the Richter scale and with a depth of 6 miles struck northern Algeria, killing more than 2,260 people, injuring more than 10,000 others, and leaving more than 200,000 people homeless;

Whereas the earthquake of May 21, 2003, has left thousands of buildings in ruins and has severely disrupted health services, water supply lines, electricity, and telecommunications in Algeria;

Whereas severe aftershocks with magnitudes greater than 4.0 have continued to terrify the people of Algeria and hamper rescue efforts;

Whereas the strength, courage, and determination of the people and Government of Algeria has been displayed since the earthquake;

Whereas the people of the United States and Algeria share strong friendship and mutual respect;

Whereas the United States airlifted to the earthquake-affected population 174,000 blankets, 1,800 tents, electrical equipment, water purification kits, and 3 medical supply kits sufficient to benefit 10,000 people for at least 3 months;

Whereas the United States has provided \$50,000 to the Algerian Red Crescent Society for emergency relief supplies; and

Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has launched an emergency appeal for humanitarian and relief assistance to address the devastation in Algeria that was caused by the powerful earthquake: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the peo-
 3 ple of Algeria and particularly to the families of the
 4 victims and the survivors for the tragic losses suf-
 5 fered as a result of the earthquake that struck Alge-
 6 ria on May 21, 2003;

1 (2) expresses its support for the people and to
2 the Government of Algeria as they continue their ef-
3 forts to rebuild their cities and their lives;

4 (3) expresses support for humanitarian assist-
5 ance provided by the United States Agency for
6 International Development and other American and
7 international relief organizations;

8 (4) recognizes the important role that is being
9 performed by the United States and the inter-
10 national community in providing assistance to allevi-
11 ate the suffering of the people of Algeria; and

12 (5) encourages the continued commitment by
13 the United States and other countries and inter-
14 national organizations to the rebuilding of the earth-
15 quake-affected areas in Algeria.

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