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H. RES. 931

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that on the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, people of goodwill throughout the United States should remember the victims of Hurricane Katrina, both living and dead, and pledge to work toward the repair, rebuilding, and resettlement of the Gulf Coast of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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Whereas Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast of the United States on August 29, 2005;

Whereas Hurricane Katrina was the most expensive and most deadly hurricane in the history of the United States;

Whereas Hurricane Katrina was the sixth-strongest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded in the history of the United States;

Whereas Hurricane Katrina devastated much of the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama, inflicting disastrous damage along the coastlines and reeking wholesale devastation on entire cities including Mobile, Alabama; Biloxi, Mississippi; Gulfport, Mississippi; and Slidell, Louisiana;

Whereas the force of the storm contributed to and may have caused the breach of levees that protected New Orleans, leading to the flooding of 80 percent of the city as well as substantial flooding in several adjacent parishes;

Whereas the wind and water from Hurricane Katrina is estimated to be responsible for \$75 billion in damages;

Whereas Hurricane Katrina caused the destruction of property on a massive scale, including the loss of homes, businesses, public institutions, and infrastructure;

Whereas in addition to the economic and tangible costs of the destruction, most importantly, Hurricane Katrina caused the deaths of at least 1,836 people, many of whom remain missing;

Whereas after one year, the people harmed and the areas devastated by this horrific storm have yet to totally recover;

Whereas there is a need to remember those who have lost lives, property, businesses, and a way of life as a result of this unprecedented natural disaster as well as offer hope and courage to those who have survived; and

Whereas there is a growing and urgent need to recommit our energies to assuring that the victims of Hurricane Katrina are made whole: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that on the first anniversary of Hurricane
3 Katrina, people of goodwill throughout the United States,
4 whether gathered in schools, community centers, commu-
5 nities of faith, or other forums, should remember the vic-
6 tims of Hurricane Katrina, both living and dead, and
7 pledge to work toward the repair, rebuilding, and resettle-
8 ment of the Gulf Coast of the United States.

