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Mourning the loss of life caused by the earthquake that occurred on May 27, 2006, in Indonesia, expressing the condolences of the American people to the families of the victims, and urging assistance to those affected.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2006

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JUNE 9, 2006

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Mourning the loss of life caused by the earthquake that occurred on May 27, 2006, in Indonesia, expressing the condolences of the American people to the families of the victims, and urging assistance to those affected.

Whereas, on May 27, 2006, a powerful earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale occurred in Indonesia, centered near the City of Yogyakarta;

Whereas the earthquake and continuing aftershocks have caused more than 5,000 deaths, resulted in serious injuries to additional tens of thousands of people, and left

hundreds of thousands of people with damaged or destroyed homes;

Whereas thousands of people in the affected region are living in temporary shelter or lack basic services, such as clean water and sanitation, thereby increasing the risk of additional suffering and death; and

Whereas the United States and donors from at least 20 other countries have, to date, pledged several millions of dollars in emergency and long-term reconstruction assistance, and have begun to deliver humanitarian supplies to survivors of the earthquake: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) mourns the tragic loss of life and horrendous suffering caused by the earthquake that occurred on May 27, 2006, in Indonesia;

5 (2) expresses the deepest condolences of the people of the United States to the families, communities, and government of the thousands of individuals who lost their lives in the earthquake;

9 (3) expresses sympathy and compassion for the hundreds of thousands of people who have been left with destroyed or damaged homes or have been seriously affected by this earthquake;

13 (4) welcomes and commends the prompt international humanitarian response to the earthquake by the governments of many countries, the United Na-

1 tions and other international organizations, and non-
2 governmental organizations;

3 (5) expresses gratitude and respect for the cou-
4 rageous and committed work of all individuals pro-
5 viding aid, relief, and assistance, including civilian
6 and military personnel of the United States, who are
7 working to save lives and provide relief in the dev-
8 astated areas;

9 (6) urges the President and the Government of
10 the United States to provide all appropriate assist-
11 ance to the Government of Indonesia and people of
12 the affected region; and

13 (7) recognizes the lead role of the Government
14 of Indonesia in providing assistance and promoting
15 recovery for the affected population.

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