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# H. RES. 297

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Taiwan on September 21, 1999.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

Mr. BEREUTER (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. HOEFFEL, and Mr. ORTIZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Taiwan on September 21, 1999.

Whereas on the morning of September 21, 1999, a devastating and deadly earthquake shook the counties of Nantou and Taichung, Taiwan, killing more than 1,700 people, injuring more than 4,000, and leaving more than 100,000 homeless;

Whereas the earthquake of January 21, 1999, has left thousands of buildings in ruin, caused widespread fires, and destroyed highways and other infrastructure;

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

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

Whereas the United States has offered whatever technical assistance might be needed and has dispatched the Urban Search and Rescue Team of Fairfax County, Virginia; and

Whereas offers of assistance have come from the Governments of Japan, Singapore, the People's Republic of China, Turkey, and others: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the citi-  
3       zens of Nantou and Taichung and all of Taiwan for  
4       the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earth-  
5       quake of September 21, 1999;

6               (2) expresses its support for the people of Tai-  
7       wan as they continue their efforts to rebuild their  
8       cities and their lives;

9               (3) expresses support for disaster assistance  
10       being provided by the United States Agency for  
11       International Development and other relief agencies;  
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13              (4) recognizes and encourages the important as-  
14       sistance that also could be provided by other nations  
15       to alleviate the suffering of the people of Taiwan.

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