

107TH CONGRESS  
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Expressing sympathy to the family, friends, and co-workers of Veronica “Roni” Bowers and Charity Bowers.



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Whereas James and Veronica “Roni” Bowers of Muskegon, Michigan, served as missionaries affiliated with the Calvary Church of Fruitport, Michigan, and the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism;

Whereas the Bowerses conducted their Christian mission work with their children, Cory and Charity, serving the native tribes along the Amazon River in Peru since 1995;

Whereas on Friday, April 20, 2001, the Bowerses were flying in an Association of Baptists for World Evangelism plane piloted by Kevin Donaldson, traveling from the Peru-Brazil border to the city of Iquitos, Peru, after attempting to secure necessary visa documents for their adopted daughter, Charity;

Whereas the plane was mistakenly attacked by a fighter jet of the Peruvian Air Force in an apparent attempted anti-drug interdiction effort that may have also involved personnel of the United States;

Whereas Roni and Charity Bowers were killed, and pilot Kevin Donaldson was severely injured in the attack;

Whereas Kevin Donaldson, despite his injuries, was able to safely land his plane on the Amazon River, saving the lives of his other passengers; and

Whereas the family, friends, and co-workers of Roni and Charity Bowers have displayed a shining example of their faith and grace in the face of this terrible tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) expresses and conveys its deepest and most  
3       heartfelt sympathies to Jim and Cory Bowers and to  
4       their extended families, friends, co-workers, and fel-  
5       low missionaries at the Association of Baptists for  
6       World Evangelism, for the loss of Veronica “Roni”  
7       Bowers and Charity Bowers in an attack by a fight-  
8       er jet of the Peruvian Air Force on the plane in  
9       which they were traveling;

1           (2) commends Kevin Donaldson for his heroic  
2           actions in safely landing the plane and wishes Mr.  
3           Donaldson a speedy and complete recovery from his  
4           injuries; and

5           (3) strongly encourages the Governments of the  
6           United States and Peru to work together as expedi-  
7           tiously as possible to determine all the circumstances  
8           that led to this unfortunate and regrettable incident  
9           and to ensure that an incident of this kind never oc-  
10          curs again.

Passed the House of Representatives May 1, 2001.

Attest:

*Clerk.*