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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Whereas James and Veronica “Roni” Bowers of Muskegon,
Michigan, served as missionaries affiliated with the Cal-
vary 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;

