

H. Res. 728

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

November 6, 2007.

Whereas heavy rainstorms brought severe flooding to Ohio and the upper Midwest over the week of August 19, 2007;

Whereas, in many parts of Ohio, this was the worst flood since 1913 with nearly 15 inches of rain in some areas;

Whereas the record storms and flooding were responsible for up to 18 deaths across parts of the upper Midwest—some of these in Ohio;

Whereas over 500 citizens were forced to flee their homes and businesses and many hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged;

Whereas, on August 21, 2007, Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Seneca, Van Wert and Wyandot counties made initial local emergency declaration;

Whereas, on August 22, 2007, Governor Ted Strickland issued a State disaster declaration for Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot and Van Wert Counties;

Whereas, on August 27, 2007, President George W. Bush issued a Federal disaster declaration for Allen, Crawford,

Hancock, Putnam, Richland and Wyandot Counties and later added Hardin and Seneca Counties; and

Whereas Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Indiana also experienced serious, storms, flooding and tornadoes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses its support and profoundest sympathy for the victims of the devastating flooding that occurred across much of Ohio and the surrounding region in August 2007;

(2) conveys its gratitude to the local, State and Federal officials and emergency personnel who responded to this emergency and continue working to restore normalcy in the affected counties;

(3) thanks the many volunteers, charitable organizations, business and individual donors, churches and religious organizations for their generosity in responding to this crisis; and

(4) commends the people of Ohio for their indomitable spirit and for the grace and magnanimity with which they have supported one another during the flooding and continuing recovery.

Attest:

Clerk.