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S. RES. 579

Designating the week beginning May 26, 2008, as “National Hurricane Preparedness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2008

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BURR, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning May 26, 2008, as “National Hurricane Preparedness Week”.

Whereas, as hurricane season approaches, National Hurricane Preparedness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of steps that can be taken to help protect citizens, their communities, and property;

Whereas the official 2008 Atlantic hurricane season occurs in the period beginning June 1, 2008, and ending November 30, 2008;

Whereas hurricanes are among the most powerful forces of nature, causing destructive winds, tornadoes, floods, and storm surges that can result in numerous fatalities and cost billions of dollars in damage;

Whereas, in 2005, a record-setting Atlantic hurricane season caused 28 storms, including 15 hurricanes, of which 7 were major hurricanes, including Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma;

Whereas, for 2008, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced that the outlook for the hurricane season was near to above normal, with a 60 to 70 percent chance of 12 to 16 named storms, including 6 to 9 hurricanes and 2 to 5 major hurricanes;

Whereas the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that over 50 percent of the population of the United States lives in coastal counties that are vulnerable to the dangers of hurricanes;

Whereas, because the impact from hurricanes extends far beyond coastal areas, it is vital for individuals in hurricane-prone areas to prepare in advance of the hurricane season;

Whereas cooperation between individuals and Federal, State, and local officials can help increase preparedness, save lives, reduce the impact of each hurricane, and provide a more effective response to those storms;

Whereas the National Hurricane Center within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recommends that each at-risk family in the United States develop a family disaster plan, create a disaster supply kit, secure their house, and stay aware of current weather situations to improve preparedness and help save lives; and

Whereas the designation of the week beginning May 26, 2008, as “National Hurricane Preparedness Week” will help raise the awareness of the people of the United

States to assist them in preparing for the upcoming hurricane season: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week beginning May 26,
3 2008, as “National Hurricane Preparedness Week”;

4 (2) encourages the people of the United
5 States—

6 (A) to be prepared for the upcoming hurricane
7 season; and

8 (B) to promote awareness of the dangers
9 of hurricanes to help save lives and protect
10 communities; and

11 (3) recognizes—

12 (A) the threats posed by hurricanes; and

13 (B) the need for the people of the United
14 States to learn more about preparedness so that
15 they may minimize the impacts of, and provide
16 a more effective response to, hurricanes.

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