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S. RES. 582

Recognizing the economic and environmental impacts of the British Petroleum oil spill on the people of the Gulf Coast and their way of life and urging British Petroleum to give all due consideration to offers of assistance, products, or services from the States directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2010

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. VITTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the economic and environmental impacts of the British Petroleum oil spill on the people of the Gulf Coast and their way of life and urging British Petroleum to give all due consideration to offers of assistance, products, or services from the States directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Whereas, on April 20, 2010, the Mobile Drilling Unit Deepwater Horizon experienced a tragic explosion, resulting in the loss of 11 men;

Whereas the explosion resulted in the sinking of the Mobile Drilling Unit Deepwater Horizon and a discharge of hydrocarbons from the Macondo well;

Whereas, since the tragic day of April 20, 2010, it is estimated that more than 2,500,000 barrels of oil have flowed into the Gulf of Mexico;

Whereas resources such as fishing, tourism, shipping, and energy exploration in the Gulf of Mexico generally account for over \$200,000,000,000 in economic activity each year;

Whereas the release of oil has caused a Federal fishery closure since May 2, 2010, which has encompassed up to 37 percent of the Gulf of Mexico's exclusive economic zone;

Whereas the impact on the Gulf Coast economy has amounted to over \$175,000,000 in reported claims to date;

Whereas tourism is down significantly on the Gulf Coast as a result of the oil spill;

Whereas the workforce in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas has been negatively impacted as a result of the oil spill; and

Whereas Federal disaster response procurement law recognizes a preference for local firms in the award of contracts for disaster relief activities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the impact of the Deepwater Ho-
3 rizon oil spill on the way of life, economy, and nat-
4 ural resources of the Gulf Coast States;

5 (2) supports the continued public and private
6 efforts to stop the oil spill, mitigate further damage
7 to our treasured Gulf Coast, and clean up of this en-
8 vironmental disaster; and

1 (3) urges British Petroleum (BP) to give all
2 due consideration to individuals, businesses, and or-
3 ganizations of the States directly impacted by the
4 Deepwater Horizon oil spill where practicable, as BP
5 considers services or products related to ongoing ef-
6 forts in the Gulf of Mexico associated with this trag-
7 ic oil spill.

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