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# H. RES. 820

Expressing condolences to the victims of Hurricane Sandy, commending the resiliency of the people of New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, West Virginia, and Delaware, and committing to stand by them in the relief and recovery effort.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 28, 2012

Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. HIMES, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. TURNER of New York, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. BUERKLE, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. HAYWORTH, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLT, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LANCE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. MARINO, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REED, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. RUNYAN, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SIRES, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. WALZ of Minnesota) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## RESOLUTION

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Hampshire, West Virginia, and Delaware, and committing to stand by them in the relief and recovery effort.

Whereas in October 2012, Hurricane Sandy, after devastating countries across the Caribbean, reached the shores of the United States and wreaked havoc on 24 States from Florida to Maine and west to Michigan and Wisconsin;

Whereas, on October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy reached landfall over Atlantic City, New Jersey, and devastated the eastern seaboard of the United States;

Whereas a disaster declaration was declared for New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, West Virginia, and Delaware;

Whereas Hurricane Sandy was responsible for killing more than 100 people;

Whereas Hurricane Sandy caused billions of dollars in damage, left millions without power, and caused massive coastal flooding;

Whereas much of the City of New York was flooded and without power for extended periods of time following the storm;

Whereas the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut regional transportation network was severely damaged and the New York subway system was forced to shut down for several days;

Whereas the United States Army Corps of Engineers, acting on a mission assignment from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has removed more than 270,000,000 gallons of saltwater from tunnels, under-

passes, and other areas throughout New York City, enough to fill all of Central Park two feet deep;

Whereas Hurricane Sandy's devastation was felt on a global scale, as trading was suspended on the New York Stock Exchange for two straight days making it the first weather closure of the exchange since 1985;

Whereas during the storm, more than 190 firefighters were sent to fight a massive fire in Breezy Point, New York, which destroyed 111 homes and damaged 20 others;

Whereas Hurricane Sandy caused a disruption in the distribution of gasoline, widespread power outages, and extensive property destruction on Long Island, New York;

Whereas much of the New Jersey shore sustained massive damage to roads, bridges, individual homes, and the loss of historic piers and entertainment venues;

Whereas more than 600,000 Connecticut residents were without power following the storm, and individual homes and businesses along the shore and across the State suffered significant damage;

Whereas Hurricane Sandy caused severe damage to communities along the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland;

Whereas the United States Office of Personnel Management ordered the Federal offices in Washington, DC, closed to the public for two days;

Whereas numerous localities were forced to close schools due to power outages and dangerous road conditions caused by the storm;

Whereas flights were cancelled up and down the eastern seaboard of the United States;

Whereas the 180 foot sailing ship, Bounty, sank during the storm and 14 members of the crew were rescued by the Coast Guard, while the captain and 1 other member of the crew did not survive;

Whereas Coast Guard search and rescue teams, police, firefighters, the National Guard, and many ordinary citizens have risked their lives to save others;

Whereas doctors, nurses, and medical personnel worked expeditiously to provide care and ensure that patients that were forced to evacuate were moved to safety under extreme circumstances;

Whereas hospitals, medical centers, and triage units provided needed care;

Whereas the American Red Cross and other volunteer organizations and charities are supplying hurricane victims with food, water, and shelter;

Whereas the Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, and other Federal, State, and local government agencies worked together to prepare for and respond quickly to Hurricane Sandy;

Whereas immediate humanitarian aid and long-term rebuilding assistance is still needed in many of the devastated regions; and

Whereas thousands of volunteers and government employees from across the United States have committed time and resources to help with recovery efforts: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) expresses condolences to the victims of Hur-  
2           ricane Sandy;

3           (2) commends the resiliency and courage of the  
4           people of New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts,  
5           Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of  
6           Columbia, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, West Vir-  
7           ginia, and Delaware; and

8           (3) commits to provide the necessary resources  
9           and to stand by the people of New Jersey, New  
10          York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania,  
11          Maryland, the District of Columbia, Rhode Island,  
12          New Hampshire, West Virginia, and Delaware in the  
13          relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts.

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