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Recognizing the two year anniversary of the earthquake that occurred in northern Pakistan in 2005 and urging the United States to continue to support rebuilding efforts in Pakistan in response to the conditions caused by that earthquake.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (for himself, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the two year anniversary of the earthquake that occurred in northern Pakistan in 2005 and urging the United States to continue to support rebuilding efforts in Pakistan in response to the conditions caused by that earthquake.

Whereas on October 8, 2005, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck northern Pakistan;

Whereas more than 73,000 people were killed as a result of the earthquake;

Whereas immediately following the earthquake, nearly 3,000,000 people were left homeless and forced to live in tents or in the open air amid freezing temperatures;

Whereas the earthquake damaged sanitation systems in the region, destroyed hospitals, and left many people with no access to clean drinking water, making them more vulnerable to disease;

Whereas the response of the United States to the earthquake was immediate and massive: within 72 hours after the earthquake, the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) of the United States Agency for International Development had established a headquarters in Islamabad and forward operating bases in Muzaffarabad and Mansehra in the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan to help coordinate disaster relief operations;

Whereas since the earthquake, the United States Government has provided emergency shelter, relief supplies, and medical assistance in close coordination with the Government of Pakistan, local authorities, and international organizations;

Whereas 2 years after the earthquake, more than 6,000 people are still without permanent shelter; and

Whereas within 48 hours after the earthquake, the first United States Army helicopters arrived from Afghanistan to assist in disaster relief operations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress urges the United States Gov-
 3 ernment to continue to support rebuilding efforts in Paki-
 4 stan in response to the conditions caused by the earth-
 5 quake that occurred in northern Pakistan on October 8,
 6 2005.