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# H. CON. RES. 213

Expressing the sense of the Congress that telephone directories within the eastern and midwestern United States should include information relating to natural disaster survival techniques.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLINGER (for himself and Mr. RAHALL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Public Works and Transportation

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that telephone directories within the eastern and midwestern United States should include information relating to natural disaster survival techniques.

Whereas geoscientists believe that there is a high probability of a major earthquake occurring in the eastern or midwestern United States by the year 2015;

Whereas information relating to natural disaster survival techniques, particularly information concerning earthquake survival, should be provided to people living in the eastern and midwestern United States in a form that is easy to understand and readily accessible;

Whereas the telephone directory is one of the most widely distributed and accessible public reference sources;

Whereas natural disaster survival information published in telephone directories has been a feature of earthquake preparedness plans in the earthquake prone areas of the western United States since the early 1980's; and

Whereas existence of natural disaster survival information in a telephone directory would serve as the basis for informing a community how to prepare and respond to a natural disaster: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3            (1) local telephone directories for areas within  
4            the eastern and midwestern United States should in-  
5            clude a survival guide relating to natural disasters,  
6            such as earthquakes, which provides information  
7            concerning both recommended precautionary meas-  
8            ures and survival techniques in a manner similar to  
9            telephone directories published in the western United  
10          States;

11           (2) such a survival guide should also include in-  
12          formation relating to those natural disasters that are  
13          common to the primary area served by the directory,  
14          such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods;

15           (3) such survival guides should include the  
16          names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Fed-  
17          eral, State, and local organizations through which

1 the public can obtain additional, authoritative infor-  
2 mation concerning both recommended precautionary  
3 measures and survival techniques; and

4 (4) disaster management agencies at the Fed-  
5 eral, State, and local levels should—

6 (A) assist in preparing and updating the  
7 survival guide information, and in identifying  
8 additional, authoritative sources of information  
9 within their organizations or other agencies,

10 (B) establish effective mechanisms, such as  
11 hotlines, to respond quickly to citizens' inquiries  
12 for additional information when a natural disas-  
13 ter is imminent or has occurred, and

14 (C) make periodic distribution to the pub-  
15 lic of the information referred to in subpara-  
16 graph (A).

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