

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 304

Expressing sympathy to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo who were tragically affected by the eruption of the Nyiragongo volcano on January 17, 2002, and supporting an increase in the amount of assistance provided by the United States to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Ms. LEE, and Mr. PAYNE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo who were tragically affected by the eruption of the Nyiragongo volcano on January 17, 2002, and supporting an increase in the amount of assistance provided by the United States to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Whereas before dawn on January 17, 2002, the Nyiragongo volcano, which stands 11,380 feet high and is located 6 miles north of the city of Goma in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, began to erupt without warning;

Whereas relief workers are still unable to accurately estimate the number of people killed as a result of the recent Nyiragongo eruption;

Whereas the recent Nyiragongo eruption is the most destructive volcanic eruption to occur in Africa during the last 25 years;

Whereas the lava flow from the recent Nyiragongo eruption was a mile wide in places and destroyed the cathedral and water plant of Goma and countless villages and buildings;

Whereas dangers from fires, toxic fumes, reoccurring tremors, and natural methane gas under Lake Kiru continue to plague the Goma region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Whereas the recent Nyiragongo eruption destroyed crops and contaminated the main water supply, which could trigger a cholera epidemic;

Whereas the suddenness of the recent Nyiragongo eruption resulted in the separation of many children from their parents;

Whereas the United States has already committed to send supplies worth \$224,000 to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo affected by the recent Nyiragongo eruption; and

Whereas the Governments of the United Kingdom, Germany, France, and Belgium have also offered assistance to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Now, therefore, be it

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

1           (1) expresses its deepest sympathies and con-  
2           lences to the people of the Democratic Republic of  
3           the Congo who were tragically affected by the erup-  
4           tion of the Nyiragongo volcano on January 17,  
5           2002; and

6           (2) supports a substantial increase in the  
7           amount of assistance provided by the United States  
8           to the people of the Democratic Republic of the  
9           Congo to aid in the rebuilding of their villages and  
10          their lives in the aftermath of the recent Nyiragongo  
11          eruption.

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