

## **H. Res. 166**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U.S.,***

*June 26, 2001.*

Whereas during June 2001 tropical storm Allison brought catastrophic flooding to Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas;

Whereas this disaster tragically and suddenly took the lives of 21 people;

Whereas this disaster injured countless other people, uprooted families, and devastated businesses and institutions;

Whereas the State of Texas has been declared a Federal disaster area, and individuals and families in 28 Texas counties are eligible for Federal assistance;

Whereas numerous individuals and entities have selflessly and heroically given of themselves and their resources to aid in the disaster relief efforts; and

Whereas the catastrophic injury, death, and damage in Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas caused by tropical storm Allison would have been even worse in the absence of local relief efforts: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recognizes, for outstanding and invaluable service during the devastating

flooding caused by tropical storm Allison in Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas, the following:

(1) the American Red Cross service centers located at Sunnyside Multi-Service Center, Friendswood Activity Center, Lakewood Church, and Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church, the American Red Cross shelters located at Salvation Army Community Center, Arbor Lights Men's Shelter, the B.L.O.C.K., Oak Village Middle School, Kirby Middle School, and Sweet Home Missionary Church, and the many other voluntary relief sites and shelters who rendered outstanding and invaluable assistance to the victims of the disaster;

(2) the Houston Police Department, the Houston Fire Department, and the Sheriff's Department of Harris County, Texas, who displayed great bravery and dedication in rendering assistance to the people of Houston, Texas during the disaster;

(3) Houston Mayor Lee Brown, particularly for his effort in establishing the Adopt-a-Family program and for his collaboration in the disaster relief efforts with Robert Echols;

(4) Texas Governor Rick Perry and all other State and local officials, who provided invaluable support and assistance;

(5) the Federal Emergency Management Agency, who quickly deployed and responded to the disaster;

(6) the United States Coast Guard;

(7) the Texas Army National Guard, who quickly deployed and responded to the disaster;

(8) the employees of Texas Medical Center, Memorial Hermann Hospital, and Houston Veteran's Hospital, who struggled heroically to perform their jobs amid chaos;

(9) all the volunteers, who are too numerous to name, but who made heroic efforts and special sacrifices and played a crucial role in the disaster relief efforts;

(10) the private sector, including major corporations, other businesses of all sizes, and their employees, who rapidly and voluntarily donated money and other resources to the disaster relief efforts;

(11) the many media organizations who aided the relief effort by keeping the community closely and extensively informed, requesting volunteers, and providing information regarding dangerous roads; and

(12) all the individuals and organizations who immediately and unselfishly helped the people of Houston, Texas, and surrounding areas in their time of need, took quick and decisive action for the public good, and dem-

onstrated an ability to work together for a brighter future.

Attest:

*Clerk.*