

House Resolution 419

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Bonner of the 72nd, Jones of the 47th, Knight of the 130th, Kelley of the 16th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 11, 2021, as the ten-year anniversary of the devastating earthquake in
2 Great East Japan; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, ten years ago, the Great East Japan Earthquake set off a trio of disasters that
4 claimed countless lives and caused immense suffering and damage for the people of Japan;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, on this solemn occasion, we remember all those who were lost and extend our
7 deepest condolences to the families and communities who were devastated and continue to
8 mourn the losses incurred from such an immense tragedy; and

9 WHEREAS, when the catastrophic earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear power plant accident
10 occurred, Japan's Self-Defense Forces and United States Forces immediately sprang into
11 action, joining together to perform search-and-rescue operations and to provide supplies and
12 transportation to those in need; and

13 WHEREAS, the largest recorded earthquake ever observed in Japan, it registered a
14 magnitude of 9.0 on the Moment Magnitude Scale, resulting in over 20,000 dead or missing

15 individuals; 400,000 damaged homes; 40,000 displaced Japan citizens, never able to return
16 to their homes, and \$100 billion in economic damages; and

17 WHEREAS, Japan and the United States worked hand-in-hand to alleviate suffering and to
18 respond to the accident at the Tokyo Electric Power Company's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear
19 Power Plant, utilizing the aid of experts, goods, and equipment from many countries; and

20 WHEREAS, after the catastrophe, Japanese and United States forces also worked in lockstep
21 to restore operations at Sendai Airport, which served as a hub to distribute over two million
22 tons of relief supplies; and

23 WHEREAS, our joint efforts hold a special place in the hearts and memories of both our
24 peoples, standing as a testament to the special bond and the unshakable friendship between
25 Japan and the United States.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize March 11, 2021, as the ten-year anniversary of the
28 devastating earthquake in Great East Japan in remembrance of the lives lost and the suffering
29 endured by the people of Japan.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 public and the press.