

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the deaths of thousands in the devastation of a massive earthquake in Nepal.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 25, 2015, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the area between the capital of Nepal, Kathmandu, and the city of Pokhara, with tremors felt across the region extending into India, Bangladesh, Tibet, and on Mount Everest; and

WHEREAS, as of Monday, April 27, 2015, the horrifying death toll attributed to the earthquake has exceeded four thousand one hundred persons, with tens of thousands more shell-shocked, homeless, and sleeping in the streets; and

WHEREAS, the geographical area of Nepal is similar in size to Louisiana, and the citizens of Nepal provided much-needed assistance to the citizens of Louisiana in the wake of the devastation of 2005 that was Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. State Department has knowledge of nine United States citizens traveling in Tibet, including Louisiana natives Jan Quiett, Rudi Miksa, and Susan Miksa of Monroe, and M. Douglas Walton of Ruston, who are part of a group of eleven American, four Canadian, and three Nepalese artists visiting the area as part of "Journey Encounter Nepal and Tibet"; and

WHEREAS, Nepal and areas impacted by the earthquake are at this very moment experiencing dark hours and the tragic loss of life similar to that experienced by citizens of Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina; it is with great sadness that the members of the House of Representatives mourn the lives lost, yet with ever-present hope, stand ready to aid and assist our sister state of Nepal in any way possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest sympathies to the relatives and friends of those who died in the Nepal earthquake; does hereby share in the hope of rescue, peace, and comfort for those who remain; and does hereby stand ready to offer help within our power to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the government of Nepal.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES