

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1305

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A RESOLUTION relative to the provision of vital records to victims of recent flooding in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, during the first week of May 2010, Middle Tennessee and Nashville experienced a 1,000-year flood, with torrential rain depositing fourteen inches or more across the region in less than forty-eight hours; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans lost their homes to the floodwaters, and many thousands more are now bereft of most, if not all, of their possessions; and

WHEREAS, also lost in the floodwaters were citizens' copies of vital records, including certificates of birth, death, marriage, and divorce; citizens now must reacquire these vital records for various purposes, in addition to rebuilding their homes and their lives; and

WHEREAS, state government should take all necessary measures to assist citizens during times of natural disaster; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby urge and encourage the Department of Health to provide, free of charge, replacement copies of vital records to victims of the recent flooding in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Health.