111TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R. 119

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to designate New Jersey Task Force 1 as part of the National Urban Search and Rescue System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 6, 2009

Mr. Frelinghuysen introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. ADDITION OF TEAM TO NATIONAL URBAN
- 4 SEARCH AND RESCUE SYSTEM.
- 5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
- 6 (1) The terrorist attacks of September 11,
- 7 2001, demonstrated the importance of enhancing na-
- 8 tional domestic terrorism preparedness.

- 1 (2) Twenty-six of the 28 urban search and res-2 cue teams included in the National Urban Search 3 and Rescue System of the Federal Emergency Man-4 agement Agency were called into action in the wake 5 of the events of September 11th.
 - (3) Highly-qualified, urban search and rescue teams not included in the National Urban Search and Rescue System were the first teams in New York City on September 11th.
 - (4) The continuing threat of a possible domestic terrorist attack remains an important mission for which the Nation must prepare to respond.
- 13 (5) Part of that response should be to increase 14 the number of urban search and rescue teams in-15 cluded in the National Urban Search and Rescue 16 System.
- 17 (b) Addition of New Jersey Task Force 1.—
 18 The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Manage19 ment Agency shall designate New Jersey Task Force 1
 20 as part of the National Urban Search and Rescue System.

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