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Expressing deepest condolences for the lives lost and unwavering solidarity with the Republic of Türkiye, and the Turkish and Syrian people, following the destructive earthquake on February 6, 2023.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing deepest condolences for the lives lost and unwavering solidarity with the Republic of Türkiye, and the Turkish and Syrian people, following the destructive earthquake on February 6, 2023.

Whereas, on February 6, 2023, the Turkish cities of Malatya, Kahramanmaraş, Adana, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Osmaniye, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Hatay, and Kilis, and the Syrian cities of Aleppo, Afrin, and Azaz, were devastated by 2 massive 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes, which took the lives of thousands and displaced hundreds of thousands of people;

Whereas many aftershocks, some as potent as 6.6 magnitude, have been recorded since the initial earthquake;

Whereas the number of people who have lost their lives has exceeded 12,000 and increasing;

Whereas the number of people who have been injured has exceeded 22,000 and increasing;

Whereas the brave men and women of North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally Türkiye have passionately and painstakingly been participating in the rescue efforts for days; and

Whereas the Republic of Türkiye has declared a state of emergency in the region for 3 months, and a national mourning for 7 days:

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses deepest condolences to the families who have lost loved ones, and wishes a speedy recovery for the injured in Türkiye and the region;

3 (2) encourages and commends the hard work put out by the brave men and women of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ally Türkiye and nongovernmental organizations working on the ground while conducting search and rescue missions in the cities impacted by the earthquakes;

4 (3) conveys its committed and unwavering solidarity with the Republic of Türkiye and the Turkish and Syrian people following the devastating disasters; and

1 (4) urges the Biden Administration to provide
2 immediate assistance to the NATO ally Türkiye and
3 the region.

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