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Expressing condolences to the people and government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the aftermath of the devastating typhoon that struck the central and southern regions of the island on August 8, 2009.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. COBLE, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. PITTS, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGMREN of California, Mr. COLE, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. AKIN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. INGLIS, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. WU, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MINNICK, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CARNEY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. HOLT, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. JONES, and Mr. TOWNS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing condolences to the people and government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the aftermath of the devastating typhoon that struck the central and southern regions of the island on August 8, 2009.

Whereas Typhoon Morakot hit the island of Taiwan on August 8, 2009, dropping approximately 2.6 meters or 102

inches of rain, more than half the average annual rainfall in many places;

Whereas central and southern Taiwan were hardest hit by the storm;

Whereas mudslides overwhelmed some places in south Taiwan, including the village of Hsiaolin, where 247 homes were lost;

Whereas floods or mudslides damaged more than 191,936 homes;

Whereas infrastructure and farm losses alone have totaled approximately \$46,500,000,000 in Taiwanese dollars to date;

Whereas the devastation left by Typhoon Morakot is the worst the island has seen in 50 years;

Whereas as of late August 2009, the official death toll reached 602 with an additional 81 missing, where many of those are believed to be buried by mud in the village of Hsiaolin, which was almost completely covered in a mudslide triggered by several days of extremely heavy rainfall;

Whereas beginning on August 22, 2009, Taiwan held a three-day mourning period in memory of those who were killed in mudslides and floods after Typhoon Morakot;

Whereas the United States assisted efforts by providing Marine Corps C-130 aircraft from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma on Okinawa to deliver humanitarian relief supplies in addition to KC-130 aircraft and MH 53 and MH 60 helicopters from strategic United States bases located in Japan;

Whereas on March 24, 2009, the House of Representatives passed H. Con. Res. 55 to mark the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8), codifying in law the basis for continued commercial, cultural, and other relations between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

Whereas Taiwan has been a steadfast ally of the United States and a responsible and compassionate member of the world community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) mourns the terrible loss of life caused by
3 Typhoon Morakot that occurred on August 8, 2009,
4 in the Republic of China (Taiwan);

5 (2) expresses its deepest condolences to the
6 families of the many victims;

7 (3) recognizes the deep ties between the United
8 States and Taiwan and expresses continued soli-
9 darity with its people during this time of crisis; and

10 (4) expresses gratitude to the people of the
11 United States who have generously supported those
12 humanitarian aid agencies working to assist the peo-
13 ple of Taiwan in this time of need.

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