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Commending the heroic efforts of the people fighting the floods in North
Dakota.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the heroic efforts of the people fighting the
floods in North Dakota.

Whereas 47 of the 53 counties in North Dakota have been
declared Federal disaster areas;

Whereas wide swaths of North Dakota have faced unprece-
dented flooding crises, including cities along the Des
Laes, Heart, James, Knife, Missouri, Little Missouri,
Park, Pembina, Red, Sheyenne, Souris, and Wild Rice
Rivers and Beaver Creek;

Whereas the people of North Dakota have suffered tremen-
dous damage to their homes, livelihoods, and commu-
nities;

Whereas the ranchers of North Dakota are estimated to have
lost nearly 100,000 head of livestock;

Whereas many of the roads and bridges, and much of the other infrastructure, in North Dakota are in need of repair;

Whereas, despite terrible conditions, the people of North Dakota have shown the strength of their shared bond, coming together in large numbers to save their cities, towns, businesses, farms, and ranches;

Whereas stories of exceptional efforts abound, from people filling millions of sandbags on short notice, to people saving lives and effecting rapid emergency evacuations;

Whereas Federal, State, and local officials have provided outstanding leadership and effective service throughout the crisis in North Dakota; and

Whereas the response of the people of North Dakota to the disaster has shown the world how communities can unite, fight, and win in a crisis: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the people of North Dakota for
3 their heroic efforts in fighting the floods in North
4 Dakota;

5 (2) commends the many people from around the
6 United States who assisted the people of North Da-
7 kota during this time of need;

8 (3) expresses appreciation to the officials of the
9 numerous Federal agencies working on the ground
10 in North Dakota for their consistently rapid, effi-
11 cient, and effective response to the disaster; and

1 (4) continues to stand with the communities of
2 North Dakota in the efforts to recover from the
3 flooding during 2009, and to improve protections
4 against flooding in the future.

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