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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the countless numbers of Pennsylvania volunteers who
- 2 have gone to Mississippi and Louisiana to assist with the
- 3 cleanup efforts necessitated by Hurricane Katrina.
- 4 WHEREAS, The worst natural disaster in decades to befall the
- 5 United States occurred on August 29, 2005, when Hurricane
- 6 Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast with the force of 100,000
- 7 nuclear bombs and wiped out a geographic area the size of the
- 8 United Kingdom; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians, many of whom were hurricane and
- 10 flood victims themselves, recognized that the aftermath of
- 11 Hurricane Katrina would require a massive infusion of volunteer
- 12 help to overcome the devastation, and they began responding
- 13 immediately; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Volunteers from our Commonwealth continue to
- 2 unselfishly stream to Mississippi and Louisiana to help in what
- 3 has come to be recognized as a recovery that will last at least
- 4 ten years and probably much longer; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Without the countless volunteer hours Pennsylvanians
- 6 have contributed to the recovery, residents of the Gulf Coast
- 7 would still feel abandoned and alone in many, many instances;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, Recognition of this outstanding level of volunteer
- 10 response is appropriate, even though no volunteer expects or
- 11 requires such recognition; therefore be it
- 12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
- 13 countless numbers of Pennsylvania volunteers who have gone to
- 14 Mississippi and Louisiana to assist with the cleanup efforts
- 15 necessitated by Hurricane Katrina.