

House Resolution 111

By: Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Rice of the 139th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Corbett of the 174th, Hagan of the 156th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the interfaith organizations and volunteers involved in disaster
2 cleanup efforts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has faced numerous natural disasters that have caused
4 significant damage and hardship to its residents; and

5 WHEREAS, in times of crisis, communities come together to support one another,
6 demonstrating the strength and resilience of the human spirit; and

7 WHEREAS, interfaith and religious organizations and volunteers have played a crucial role
8 in disaster cleanup efforts, providing essential services, resources, and support to those
9 affected; and

10 WHEREAS, these interfaith efforts have fostered unity, understanding, and cooperation
11 among diverse religious communities, showcasing the power of collaboration and
12 compassion; and

13 WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of these volunteers has significantly contributed
14 to the recovery and rebuilding of affected areas, helping to restore hope and normalcy to the
15 lives of many Georgians; and

16 WHEREAS, according to reports from local faith-based organizations, tens of thousands of
17 volunteers participated in disaster relief efforts in Georgia following Hurricane Helene,
18 contributing more than one million total volunteer hours, with teams working in some of the
19 most impacted areas to clear debris, repair homes, and provide direct assistance to many
20 thousands of affected residents; and

21 WHEREAS, many churches and faith organizations came to their fellow citizens' needs for
22 disaster relief; and

23 WHEREAS, volunteer labor from church members and faith-based organizations, who
24 traveled from as far away as South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida to help
25 Georgia homeowners in need, included efforts such as tending to damaged homes, removing
26 fallen trees, and cleaning up storm debris.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend the invaluable contributions of the
29 interfaith organizations and volunteers in disaster cleanup efforts as well as encourage
30 continued support and collaboration among all communities to strengthen our collective
31 ability to respond to and recover from future disasters.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 leaders of the interfaith organizations involved in disaster cleanup efforts.