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Expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015.

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RESOLUTION

Expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015.

Whereas, on April 25, 2015, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the country of Nepal;

Whereas according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the earthquake epicenter was located approximately 48 miles northwest from the capital, Kathmandu;

Whereas the USGS already has registered over 50 aftershocks between magnitudes 4.0 and 6.7 and reports that additional aftershocks over magnitude 5.0 or greater may be expected;

Whereas the reported death toll has reached over 4,000, thousands more people have been reported injured, and critical infrastructure, including roads, hospitals, and homes, has been damaged or destroyed;

Whereas the United Nations estimates that up to 8,000,000 people have been affected by the earthquake, including an estimated 1,400,000 people in need of immediate food assistance;

Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that nearly one million children will require urgent humanitarian assistance;

Whereas the United States responded immediately to the disaster and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has deployed a 128-person Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to Nepal, including search and rescue efforts, emergency shelter, and water, sanitation and health;

Whereas the United States has committed \$10,000,000 to date for earthquake response and recovery efforts in Nepal, including search and rescue efforts, emergency shelter, and water, sanitation and health;

Whereas individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations across the United States and throughout the international community have responded in support of Nepal; and

Whereas humanitarian access has been severely constrained by the magnitude of destruction, the region's mountainous terrain, and the remoteness of impacted areas: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015;

3 (2) supports the efforts of the Administration to coordinate an immediate, effective United States Government humanitarian response and to provide relief to affected communities;

4 (3) commends the efforts and honors the sacrifice of the men and women engaged in the response, including the citizens and Government of Nepal, the United States, and international humanitarian and nongovernmental organizations; and

5 (4) urges the Administration, in coordination with the Nepalese Government and other donors, to

- 1 continue to provide emergency relief and reconstruc-
- 2 tion efforts in Nepal.

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