

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 279

Commemorating the passage of 2 years since the tragic building collapse  
in Surfside, Florida, on June 24, 2021.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2023

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following  
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the passage of 2 years since the tragic  
building collapse in Surfside, Florida, on June 24, 2021.

Whereas June 24, 2023, marks 2 years since portions of the  
Champlain Towers South condominium building in  
Surfside, Florida, catastrophically collapsed; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of the devastating collapse—

(1) one of the largest rescue and recovery operations  
in the history of the United States commenced to locate  
scores of residents who were unaccounted for and be-  
lieved to be in the collapsed building;

(2) first responders from across Florida immediately  
answered the call of duty, including firefighters, uni-  
formed police officers, rescue and recovery crews, emer-  
gency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, and others

rushing to save the lives of individuals trapped in the building;

(3) international rescue crews and emergency support organizations from Israel and Mexico responded to the site to aid in the search and recovery efforts;

(4) National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces from Florida, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and emergency specialists from California, deployed to Surfside, Florida, to provide critical support;

(5) teams worked tirelessly around the clock to rescue survivors and recover the remains of individuals killed in the tragic collapse; and

(6) on June 30, 2021, the National Institute of Standards and Technology announced it would launch a formal investigation into the cause of the collapse: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commemorates the passage of 2 years since  
3       the tragic building collapse in Surfside, Florida, on  
4       June 24, 2021;

5               (2) honors the survivors and the 98 lives lost in  
6       the collapse of the Champlain Towers South condo-  
7       minium building and offers heartfelt condolences to  
8       the families, loved ones, and friends of the victims;

9               (3) commends the bravery and selfless service  
10       demonstrated by the local, State, national, and inter-  
11       national teams of first responders deployed in the  
12       aftermath of the collapse; and

1           (4) expresses support for the survivors and  
2           community of Surfside, Florida.

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