

## **H. Res. 971**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U. S.,***

*February 13, 2008.*

Whereas on the evening of Tuesday, February 5th, 2008, more than 100 tornados devastated communities in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee;

Whereas more than 50 lives were lost in the deadliest tornado outbreak in the United States in more than 20 years;

Whereas more than a thousand homes, schools, and businesses were destroyed and tens of thousands of residents of the Mississippi Valley have been left without power;

Whereas the effect of the storms on Mississippi Valley families and businesses is still being felt;

Whereas hundreds of volunteers took time from their daily lives to help ensure that the victims of the storm are sheltered, clothed, fed, and emotionally comforted through this traumatic event;

Whereas the Federal Emergency Management Agency, first responders, the National Guard, and additional emergency personnel have coordinated with local authorities and firefighters and have performed beyond the call of duty in the preservation and protection of human lives; and

Whereas the strength, courage, and determination of the citizens of the Mississippi Valley have been evident following the tornados: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the citizens of the States hit by the storms over the devastation caused by the powerful tornados that struck their communities on February 5th, 2008;

(2) expresses its appreciation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, first responders, and the others involved in the relief effort for their valiant service to those affected by the storms; and

(3) expresses its support as the citizens of these communities continue their efforts to rebuild their community and their lives.

Attest:

*Clerk.*