

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

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11 A Resolution recognizing the continuing efforts by
12 Iowans in providing disaster relief in response to
13 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

14 WHEREAS, since August 2005 Iowans and Iowa
15 organizations have come forward, in hundreds of ways,
16 to provide desperately needed relief to their fellow
17 Americans whose lives were devastated by Hurricanes
18 Katrina and Rita; and

19 WHEREAS, by April 2006 some 424 Iowans have now
20 provided over 9,100 total person days of service,
21 offering hurricane relief in a variety of ways; and

22 WHEREAS, since September 2005, 15 individuals,
23 working in a variety of capacities at the University
24 of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory, have been conducting
25 newborn screening tests on samples sent from
26 Louisiana; and

27 WHEREAS, the Homeland Security and Emergency
28 Management Division of the Iowa Department of Public
29 Defense deployed three staff members to the State
30 Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,

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1 deployed one staff member to the National Response
2 Coordination Center in Washington, D.C., to coordinate
3 response activities, deployed one staff member to the
4 State Emergency Operations Center in Jackson,
5 Mississippi, to assist with response coordination, and
6 deployed one staff member to the State Emergency
7 Operations Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to assist
8 with the requests for aid from other states; and

9 WHEREAS, the Iowa National Guard deployed 13
10 soldiers of the 185th Air Refueling Wing and a 200
11 kilowatt electric generator to Belle Chase Naval Air
12 Station in Louisiana, deployed 197 soldiers of a
13 medical battalion to act as a security force and
14 provide water purification units to Camp Shelby,
15 Mississippi, deployed 40 crew members of the 185th Air
16 Refueling Wing and four KC-135E Stratotankers to
17 perform evacuation, transport, security, and fuel
18 handling missions, deployed the 71st Civil Support
19 Team of 20 members to complete sample analysis in
20 Carville, Louisiana, and deployed a physical therapist
21 and a biomedical laboratory specialist to Mississippi;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health
24 deployed a team of 30 health professionals, including
25 doctors, nurses, paramedics, and environmental health
26 specialists, to Louisiana State University; and

27 WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Human Services
28 deployed 10 human service workers to assist parishes
29 with food stamp relief program efforts; and

30 WHEREAS, the Bettendorf Fire and Rescue Department

1 deployed two staff members and one vehicle to support
2 the New Orleans Fire Department; and

3 WHEREAS, the City of Davenport deployed 14 staff
4 members to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to assist with
5 recovery efforts for its water and sewer systems; and

6 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol deployed a two-person
7 team on an aerial damage assessment mission to Texas;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, these agencies and organizations are made
10 up of hundreds of Iowans, from all walks of life, who
11 have unselfishly offered their time and the expertise
12 in service to Americans in desperate need; NOW
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
15 That the House of Representatives recognizes the
16 dedication and sacrifice of those Iowans who provided
17 aid and comfort in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina
18 and Rita, and on behalf of all Iowans thanks them for
19 a job well done.

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