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Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Taiwan on September 21, 1999.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Taiwan on September 21, 1999.

Whereas on the morning of September 21, 1999, a devastating and deadly earthquake shook the counties of Nantou and Taichung, Taiwan, killing more than 2,000 people, injuring more than 7,800, and leaving more than 100,000 homeless;

Whereas the earthquake of September 21, 1999, has left thousands of buildings in ruin, caused widespread fires, and destroyed highways and other infrastructure;

Whereas the strength, courage, and determination of the people of Taiwan has been displayed since the earthquake;

Whereas the people of the United States and Taiwan share strong friendship and mutual interests and respect;

Whereas the United States has offered whatever technical assistance might be needed and has dispatched the Urban Search and Rescue Team of Fairfax County, Virginia, the Fire Rescue Team of Miami-Dade, Florida, and others; and

Whereas offers of assistance have come from the Governments of Japan, Singapore, Turkey, and others: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the people of Nantou and Taichung and all of Taiwan for the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earthquake of September 21, 1999;

6 (2) expresses its support for the people of Taiwan as they continue their efforts to rebuild their cities and their lives;

9 (3) expresses support for disaster assistance being provided by the United States Agency for International Development and other relief agencies; and

13 (4) recognizes and encourages the important assistance that also could be provided by foreign countries to alleviate the suffering of the people of Taiwan.

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