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H. CON. RES. 213

Expressing the sense of Congress for and solidarity with the people of El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of torrential rains which caused devastating flooding and deadly mudslides.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. TOWNS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress for and solidarity with the people of El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of torrential rains which caused devastating flooding and deadly mudslides.

Whereas, on November 9, 2009, parts of El Salvador were decimated by floods brought on by Hurricane Ida;

Whereas Hurricane Ida caused the death of over 130 people in El Salvador, and made over 13,000 homeless, with both of those numbers likely to rise;

Whereas over 18,000 homes have been destroyed by the mudslides;

Whereas the small coffee growing town of Verapaz, population 7,000, has almost been completely destroyed;

Whereas reports have stated that up to 10,000 Salvadorians may need emergency food assistance;

Whereas Hurricane Ida also left about 13,000 people homeless in Nicaragua and damaged 100 homes in Guatemala;

Whereas neighboring nations of El Salvador have provided relief to the people of El Salvador; and

Whereas El Salvador has begun the process of recovering from this natural disaster: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) expresses solidarity with all people affected
4 by Hurricane Ida;

5 (2) commends the brave efforts of the people of
6 El Salvador and Central America as they recover
7 from Hurricane Ida;

8 (3) applauds the coordination between the coun-
9 tries of Central America during the relief effort in
10 providing relief to the people of El Salvador; and

11 (4) urges the President to continue to make
12 available to nongovernmental organizations, private
13 volunteer organizations, United Nations agencies,
14 and regional institutions the necessary funding to
15 help mitigate the effects of the recent natural disas-
16 ters that have devastated El Salvador.

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