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Expressing condolences and long-term support to the people of The Bahamas
in the aftermath of the devastating Hurricane Dorian.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. SIRES, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. WATERS, Mr. COX of California, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. NADLER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. SHALALA, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SOTO, Ms. PLASKETT, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing condolences and long-term support to the people
of The Bahamas in the aftermath of the devastating
Hurricane Dorian.

Whereas, on September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian, then a
Category 5 storm, struck The Bahamas;

Whereas Hurricane Dorian was reported as reaching sus-
tained speeds of up to 180 miles per hour with wind
gusts of up to 200 miles per hour;

Whereas, as of September 10, 2019, at least 50 people on the islands have been killed and thousands of people reported missing;

Whereas thousands of people have been displaced from their homes and find themselves without shelter;

Whereas Bahamian Prime Minister Hubert Minnis stated that Hurricane Dorian inflicted “generational devastation”;

Whereas the International Federation of the Red Cross estimates that 45 percent of homes on Grand Bahama and the Abacos islands have been destroyed;

Whereas the only international airport on Grand Bahama Island was destroyed and currently cannot serve as a staging ground for medical evacuations or emergency aid deliveries;

Whereas, as of September 6, 2019, the United States Coast Guard announced that it had rescued 205 people on The Bahamas’ northern islands;

Whereas the United States Agency for International Development employed a Disaster Assistance Response Team to work with local authorities and international organizations such as the Red Cross to assess damage, identify needs, and provide assistance; and

Whereas immediate assistance is needed to rebuild damaged infrastructure to restore international access to Grand Bahama Island: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) conveys its deepest condolences and sym-
3 pathy for the loss of life, displacement, injury, and
4 damage Hurricane Dorian caused in The Bahamas;

1 (2) expresses solidarity with Bahamians, Baha-
2 mian Americans, and all those who have been af-
3 fected by the tragedy;

4 (3) supports preliminary efforts of the United
5 States Government to provide relief to affected com-
6 munities and urges continued support for and co-
7 ordination of international humanitarian assistance;

8 (4) calls for robust United States support for
9 recovery and long-term reconstruction and resilience
10 needs in The Bahamas;

11 (5) recognizes that The Bahamas' long-term re-
12 covery will require a strong commitment by the
13 United States and the international community; and

14 (6) urges the President to make available to
15 Federal departments and agencies, nongovernmental
16 organizations, and regional institutions the resources
17 necessary to provide relief, recovery, and reconstruc-
18 tion assistance.

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