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Joint Resolution

Commending the citizens of the Sioux City, Iowa, tri-State area for their heroism and spirit of volunteerism in selflessly providing assistance and life-saving services to the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 232.

Aug. 16, 1989
[H.J. Res. 379]

Whereas United Airlines Flight 232 tragically crashed while making an emergency landing attempt at the Sioux Gateway Airport in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 19, 1989;

Whereas the skills and courage of the pilot, flight crew, and air traffic controllers, and the immediate mobilization of State and local rescue units from Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota, significantly contributed to the survival of 185 of the 296 passengers aboard the flight;

Whereas the disaster plan which had been designed by the Woodbury County Disaster Committee was largely responsible for the remarkable success of the rescue effort;

Whereas the people of the Sioux City, Iowa, tri-State area mobilized without hesitation to provide aid and comfort to the injured;

Whereas by the time that United Airlines Flight 232 touched down, the Sioux Gateway Crash, Fire, and Rescue Squad, the 185th Tactical Fighter Group of the Iowa Air National Guard, members of city police forces and county sheriffs' departments, municipal firefighters, Red Cross workers, and other local rescue teams were on the scene to immediately begin to help the wounded and transport them for treatment;

Whereas the physicians, nurses, and other personnel of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center and the Marian Health Center worked exhaustively to treat the injured;

Whereas hundreds of people in the Sioux City, Iowa, tri-State area donated blood at a local bloodbank without solicitation to assist in the treatment efforts;

Whereas Briar Cliff College and Morningside College opened their dormitories to the survivors, the families of the survivors, rescue teams, and investigators while residents contributed blankets, clothing, and food; and

Whereas had it not been for the remarkable speed, skill, and preparedness of the emergency crews, and the assistance and generosity of the people of the Sioux City, Iowa, tri-State area, the number of survivors would likely have been much lower: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the citizens of the Sioux City, Iowa, tri-State area are commended for their heroism and spirit of volunteerism in selflessly providing assistance and life-saving services to the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 232, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation making such commendation.

Approved August 16, 1989.

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