

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 214

Commending the Grand Forks Herald for its public service to the Grand Forks area and receipt of a Pulitzer Prize.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 1998

Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. MOYNIHAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the Grand Forks Herald for its public service to the Grand Forks area and receipt of a Pulitzer Prize.

Whereas the residents of the Grand Forks area in North Dakota and Minnesota experienced the most devastating floods in 500 years during April 1997;

Whereas more than 50,000 residents of the Red River Valley area were severely displaced for months by the flooding;

Whereas the offices of the Grand Forks Herald, whose newspaper has a daily circulation of 37,000, were displaced by the floods and moved to various locations to publish the newspaper, including the University of North Dakota and Manvel Elementary School, and the paper was printed by the St. Paul Pioneer Press of St. Paul, Minnesota, to enable the paper to maintain continuous publication;

Whereas the Grand Forks Herald publisher Mike Maidenberg, editor Mike Jacobs, and more than 70 staff members, whose lives were turned upside down by the floods, never failed to publish an edition of the newspaper during the floods, sometimes hitting a circulation of 117,000 and keeping the community together even though the paper's facilities were totally destroyed;

Whereas the Grand Forks Herald was honored with journalism's most prestigious award, the Pulitzer Prize for public service, for its extraordinary efforts to continue publishing during the severe flooding; and

Whereas the dedication and devotion of the Grand Forks Herald to the community made an extraordinary difference in the lives of many people during the flooding by helping to maintain a sense of stability during this terrible natural disaster: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the Grand Forks Herald and its
3 staff for their dedication to community and excel-
4 lence in public service; and

5 (2) congratulates the newspaper on being se-
6 lected to receive one of our Nation's most coveted
7 awards for public service, the Pulitzer Prize.

