

## **H. Res. 322**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U.S.,***

*October 5, 1999.*

Whereas on September 16, 1999, Hurricane Floyd deposited up to 18 inches of rain on sections of North Carolina only days after the damaging rains of Hurricane Dennis;

Whereas Hurricane Floyd continued up the eastern seaboard, causing flooding and tornadoes in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut;

Whereas Hurricane Floyd is responsible for 66 known deaths, including 48 confirmed dead in North Carolina alone, as well as three in New Jersey, two in New York, six in Pennsylvania, four in Virginia, two in Delaware, and one in Vermont;

Whereas hundreds of roads along the eastern seaboard remain closed as a result of damage caused by Hurricane Floyd;

Whereas waters contaminated by millions of gallons of bacteria, raw sewage, and animal waste have flowed into homes, businesses, and drinking water supplies due to septic, pipeline, and water treatment system damage caused by the flooding associated with Hurricane Floyd, a situation that poses considerable health risks for individuals and families in affected States;

Whereas areas in 10 States were declared Federal disaster areas as a result of Hurricane Floyd—Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia;

Whereas individuals registering for Federal assistance in States hit by Hurricane Floyd totalled 68,440 as of September 26, 1999, with 39,265 in North Carolina, 11,121 in New Jersey, 4,582 in New York, 3,222 in South Carolina, 3,153 in Virginia, 371 in Delaware, 6,479 in Pennsylvania, 173 in Connecticut, and 74 in Maryland;

Whereas thousands of individuals and families have been displaced from their homes and are now taking refuge in temporary housing or shelters;

Whereas over \$2 million in temporary housing grants have been issued in New York and New Jersey and the residential loss estimates are over \$80 million in North Carolina alone; and

Whereas the nature of this disaster deserves the immediate attention and support of the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses its deepest sympathies to everyone who suffered as a result of Hurricane Floyd; and

(2) pledges its support to continue to work on their behalf to restore normalcy to their lives and to renew

their spirits by helping them recover, rebuild, and reconstruct.

Attest:

*Clerk.*