

H. Res. 519

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

March 9, 2004.

Whereas at 11:15 A.M. on Monday, December 22, 2003, an earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter Scale occurred in San Luis Obispo County, California, with an epicenter approximately 6 miles northeast of the community of San Simeon and 24 miles northwest of the City of Paso Robles;

Whereas the magnitude of the earthquake was such that it was felt from the City of San Francisco to the Los Angeles Basin, and may have caused the Coastal Range to become up to a foot higher;

Whereas the earthquake caused damage to homes, businesses, and public infrastructure such as buildings, bridges, and roads, that will cost millions of dollars to repair;

Whereas tragically, 2 lives were lost and more than 40 persons sustained injuries;

Whereas local public safety and law enforcement personnel responded immediately, effectively, and courageously to assist victims of the earthquake and otherwise protect the public; and

Whereas a Federal disaster declaration was issued on January 13, 2004: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) is saddened by the loss of life and property caused by the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo County, California, on December 22, 2003, and sends its deepest condolences to the victims and their families; and

(2) recognizes and honors those local officials, public safety and law enforcement personnel, and individuals, who in private or public capacity provided assistance to the victims of the earthquake and their families, and commends this dedicated service to the residents of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties and the State of California.

Attest:

Clerk.