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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the actions by United States Armed Forces and first responders to help the people of Haiti after the recent devastating earthquake reflect the highest level of dedication and heroism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NYE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the actions by United States Armed Forces and first responders to help the people of Haiti after the recent devastating earthquake reflect the highest level of dedication and heroism.

Whereas the 7.0 magnitude earthquake, which struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, has caused countless deaths and untold destruction throughout Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces, including many who have recently returned from deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, have responded to this crisis with incredible speed and effort;

Whereas nearby United States Coast Guard vessels were redirected to Haiti within minutes of the earthquake;

Whereas there are now five United States Coast Guard Cutters on station in Haiti;

Whereas in less than a week, more than 12,000 members of the United States Armed Forces were in the region to support the humanitarian, peacekeeping, and search and rescue efforts;

Whereas more than 10 United States Navy ships are, or soon will be, on station off the coast of Haiti, including the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), USS Bataan (LHD 5), USS Normandy (CG 60), USNS Comfort (T-AH-20), and the USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43), to assist in humanitarian aid efforts;

Whereas with approval of the Government of Haiti, United States Air Force air traffic control and airfield management personnel are successfully managing air operations at the international airport, supporting 24/7 operations and more than 120-aircraft per day capacity;

Whereas United States military aircraft have airlifted more than 130,000 humanitarian daily rations and more than 70,000 bottles of water to Port-au-Prince;

Whereas with military transport, 6 United States Urban Search and Rescue Teams have been deployed to Haiti, including Virginia Beach Based Task Force 2;

Whereas Virginia Task Force 2 has valiantly rescued numerous persons in Haiti, including Danish United Nations worker Jens Christensen and 2 local children; and

Whereas United States Search and Rescue teams have saved more than 40 lives in the days following the earthquake:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the actions undertaken by members of
3 the United States Armed Forces and first responders dem-
4 onstrate the highest level of duty and heroism.

