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H. RES. 948

Honoring the individuals who lost their lives in the tragic fire in Oakland,
California, on December 2, 2016.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2016

Ms. LEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the individuals who lost their lives in the tragic
fire in Oakland, California, on December 2, 2016.

Whereas, on Friday, December 2, 2016, a fire broke out at
the Ghost Ship, an artist collective warehouse located in
the Fruitvale community on 31st Avenue in Oakland,
California;

Whereas Oakland, California, and its arts community suf-
fered a horrific tragedy that evening and continue to
mourn the loss of the individuals who died in the fire;

Whereas, according to city of Oakland officials, the Ghost
Ship warehouse fire is the deadliest fire in the history of
Oakland;

Whereas, according to Alameda County Sheriff's Office, as of
December 5, 2016, 36 individuals perished in the fire;

Whereas it took more than 50 firefighters not less than 4 hours to extinguish the fire and an aggressive, coordinated effort to secure the scene by—

- (1) the Oakland Fire Department;
- (2) the Oakland Police Department;
- (3) the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, including—
 - (A) the Coroner's Bureau; and
 - (B) the Alameda County Search and Rescue Unit;
- (4) Oakland Public Works;
- (5) the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services;
- (6) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;
- (7) the American Red Cross; and
- (8) other agencies;

Whereas first responders, firefighters, and recovery personnel, including agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, have worked around the clock to support the families of the victims and the community;

Whereas first responders and recovery personnel—

- (1) are vital to the ongoing recovery efforts; and
- (2) continue to investigate the cause of the deadly fire; and

Whereas the officials of the city of Oakland, California, have worked tirelessly to heal the community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) honors the individuals who lost their lives in
2 the tragic fire in Oakland, California, on December
3 2, 2016;

4 (2) honors the sacrifice of the first responders,
5 firefighters, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, To-
6 bacco, Firearms and Explosives, and all individuals
7 who put themselves in harm's way to help save lives
8 and continue to respond to the fire;

9 (3) expresses continued solidarity with the peo-
10 ple of the East Bay of the State of California as
11 they work to heal their community;

12 (4) reaffirms its commitment to support long-
13 term recovery efforts in partnership with local and
14 State governments, citizens, and businesses;

15 (5) supports the city of Oakland's continued
16 emergency response efforts and work to assist the
17 families of the victims of the fire; and

18 (6) offers condolences and support to the fami-
19 lies and loved ones of the victims of the fire.

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