

Whereas, on May 6, 2008, President Bush pledged \$3,000,000 in emergency assistance to victims of Cyclone Nargis, and stated that allowing the disaster assistance response team to enter the country would facilitate additional support;

Whereas the European Union has pledged to deliver \$3,000,000 in initial emergency disaster assistance to Burma;

Whereas according to the United Nations Country Team in Burma, the average household in Burma is forced to spend almost ¾ of its budget on food and 1 in 3 children under the age of 5 is suffering from malnutrition;

Whereas the prevalence of tuberculosis in Burma is among the highest in the world, with nearly 97,000 new cases detected annually, malaria is the leading cause of mortality in Burma, with 70 percent of the population living in areas at risk, at least 37,000 died of HIV/AIDS in Burma in 2005 and over 600,000 are currently infected, and the World Health Organization has ranked the health sector of Burma as 190th out of 191 countries;

Whereas the failure of Burma's ruling State Peace and Development Council to meet the most basic humanitarian needs of the people of Burma has caused enormous suffering inside Burma and driven hundreds of thousands of Burmese citizens to seek refuge in neighboring countries, creating a threat to regional peace and stability; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis, the State Peace and Development Council continues to restrict the access and freedom of movement of international non-governmental organizations to deliver humanitarian assistance throughout Burma: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the Sense of the Senate—

(1) to express deep sympathy to and strong support for the people of Burma, who have endured tremendous hardships over many years and face especially dire humanitarian conditions in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis;

(2) to support the decision of President Bush to provide immediate emergency humanitarian assistance to Burma through nongovernmental organizations that are not affiliated with the Burmese regime or its officials and can effectively provide such assistance directly to the people of Burma;

(3) to stand ready to appropriate additional funds, beyond existing emergency international disaster assistance resources, if necessary to help address dire humanitarian conditions throughout Burma in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis and beyond;

(4) to call upon the State Peace and Development Council to immediately lift restrictions on delivery of humanitarian assistance and allow free and unfettered access to the United States Government's disaster assistance response team and any organizations that legitimately provide humanitarian assistance; and

(5) that the United States Agency for International Development should conduct a comprehensive evaluation of which organizations are capable of providing humanitarian assistance directly to the people throughout Burma without interference by the State Peace and Development Council.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 80—URGING THE PRESIDENT TO DESIGNATE A NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY IN RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO ARE SERVING OR HAVE SERVED IN THE AIRBORNE FORCES OF THE ARMED SERVICES

Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Ms.

Snowe, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 80

Whereas the airborne forces of the Armed Forces have a long and honorable history as units of adventuresome, hardy, and fierce warriors who, for the national security of the United States and the defense of freedom and peace, project the effective ground combat power of the United States by Air Force air transport to the far reaches of the battle area and, indeed, to the far corners of the world;

Whereas August 16 marks the anniversary of the first official Army parachute jump on August 16, 1940, an event that validated the innovative concept of inserting United States ground combat forces behind the battle line by means of a parachute;

Whereas the United States experiment of airborne infantry attack began on June 25, 1940, when the Army Parachute Test Platoon was first authorized by the Department of War, and was launched when 48 volunteers began training in July 1940;

Whereas the success of the Parachute Test Platoon in the days immediately preceding the entry of the United States into World War II led to the formation of a formidable force of airborne units that have served with distinction and have had repeated success in armed hostilities;

Whereas among those airborne units are the former 11th, 13th, and 17th Airborne Divisions, the venerable 82nd Airborne Division, the versatile 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and the airborne regiments and battalions (some as components of those divisions, some as separate units) that achieved distinction as the elite 75th Ranger Regiment, the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the 187th Infantry (Airborne) Regiment, the 503rd, 507th, 508th, 517th, 541st, and 542nd Parachute Infantry Regiments, the 88th Glider Infantry Regiment, the 509th, 551st, and 555th Parachute Infantry Battalions, and the 550th Airborne Infantry Battalion;

Whereas the achievements of the airborne forces during World War II prompted the evolution of those forces into a diversified force of parachute and air assault units that, over the years, have fought in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf region, and Somalia, and have engaged in peacekeeping operations in Lebanon, the Sinai Peninsula, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Bosnia, and Kosovo;

Whereas the modern-day airborne force that has evolved from those World War II beginnings is an agile, powerful force that, in large part, is composed of the 82nd Airborne Division, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and the 75th Ranger Regiment;

Whereas the modern-day airborne force also includes other elite forces composed entirely of airborne trained and qualified special operations warriors, including Army Special Forces, Marine Corps Reconnaissance units, Navy SEALs, and Air Force combat control teams, all or most of which comprise the forces of the United States Special Operations Command;

Whereas in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, the 75th Ranger Regiment, special forces units, and units of the 82nd Airborne Division and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), together with other units of the Armed Forces, have been prosecuting the war against terrorism by carrying out combat operations in Afghanistan, training operations in the Philippines, and other operations elsewhere;

Whereas in the aftermath of the President's announcement of Operation Iraqi

Freedom in March 2003, the 75th Ranger Regiment, special forces units, and units of the 82nd Airborne Division, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 173rd Airborne Brigade, and the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) of the 25th Infantry Division, together with other units of the Armed Forces, have been prosecuting the war against terrorism, carrying out combat operations, conducting civil affairs missions, and assisting in establishing democracy in Iraq;

Whereas the airborne forces are and will continue to be at the ready and the forefront until the Global War on Terrorism is concluded;

Whereas of the members and former members of the United States combat airborne forces, all have achieved distinction by earning the right to wear the airborne's "Silver Wings of Courage", thousands have achieved the distinction of making combat jumps, 69 have earned the Medal of Honor, and hundreds have earned the Distinguished-Service Cross, Silver Star, or other decorations and awards for displays of such traits as heroism, gallantry, intrepidity, and valor;

Whereas the members and former members of the United States combat airborne forces are members of a proud and honorable fraternity of the profession of arms that is made exclusive by those distinctions which, together with their special skills and achievements, distinguish them as intrepid combat parachutists, special operation forces, and (in former days) glider troops;

Whereas the history and achievements of the members and former members of the airborne forces of the United States Armed Forces warrant special expressions of the gratitude of the American people; and

Whereas, since the airborne community celebrates August 16 as the anniversary of the first official jump by the Army Parachute Test Platoon, August 16 would be an appropriate day to recognize as National Airborne Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress urges the President to designate a National Airborne Day.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 81—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 81

Whereas women of all backgrounds have the power to greatly reduce their risk of common diseases through preventive measures, such as leading a healthy lifestyle that includes engaging in regular physical activity, eating a nutritious diet, and visiting a healthcare provider to receive regular checkups and preventative screenings;

Whereas significant disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, African-American women, Asian-Pacific Islander women, Latinas, and American Indian-Alaska Native women;

Whereas healthy habits should begin at a young age;

Whereas preventive care saves Federal dollars designated for health care;

Whereas it is important to educate women and girls about the significance of awareness of key female health issues;

Whereas the offices of women's health within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration,

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality are vital to providing critical services that support women's health research and education and other necessary services that benefit women of all ages, races, and ethnicities;

Whereas National Women's Health Week begins on Mother's Day each year and celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations that work with partners and volunteers to improve awareness of key women's health issues; and

Whereas, in 2008, the week of May 11 through May 17 is dedicated as National Women's Health Week; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes the importance of preventing diseases that commonly affect women;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week;

(3) calls on the people of the United States to use National Women's Health Week as an opportunity to learn about health issues that face women;

(4) calls on the women of the United States to observe National Women's Check-Up Day on May 12, 2008 by receiving preventive screenings from their healthcare providers; and

(5) recognizes the importance of Federally funded programs that provide research and collect data on diseases that commonly affect women.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4713. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4714. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4715. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4716. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4717. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4718. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4719. Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra.

SA 4720. Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOND, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. BARRASSO) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2284, supra.

SA 4721. Mr. ALLARD proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4720 proposed by Mr.

McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BOND, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. BARRASSO) to the bill S. 2284, supra.

SA 4722. Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra.

SA 4723. Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra.

SA 4724. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4725. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4726. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4727. Mrs. McCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4728. Mrs. McCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4729. Mr. DORGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4730. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4731. Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4732. Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4713. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 25, line 2, strike “; and” and insert a semicolon.

On page 25, line 5, strike the period and insert a semicolon.

On page 25, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

(M) a representative of a State agency that has entered into a cooperating technical partnership with the Director and has demonstrated the capability to produce flood insurance rate maps; and

(N) a representative of a local government agency that has entered into a cooperating technical partnership with the Director and has demonstrated the capability to produce flood insurance rate maps.

SA 4714. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4707 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 133. MULTIPERIL COVERAGE FOR FLOOD AND WINDSTORM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1304 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4011) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) MULTIPERIL COVERAGE FOR DAMAGE FROM FLOOD OR WINDSTORM.”

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (8), the national flood insurance program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall enable the purchase of optional insurance against loss resulting from physical damage to or loss of real property or personal property related thereto located in the United States arising from any flood or windstorm, subject to the limitations in this subsection and section 1306(b).

“(2) COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.—Multiperil coverage pursuant to this subsection may not be provided in any area (or subdivision thereof) unless an appropriate public body shall have adopted adequate mitigation measures (with effective enforcement provisions) which the Director finds are consistent with the criteria for construction described in the International Code Council building codes relating to wind mitigation.

“(3) PROHIBITION AGAINST DUPLICATIVE COVERAGE.—Multiperil coverage pursuant to this subsection may not be provided with respect to any structure (or the personal property related thereto) for any period during which such structure is covered, at any time, by flood insurance coverage made available under this title.

“(4) NATURE OF COVERAGE.—Multiperil coverage pursuant to this subsection shall—

“(A) cover losses only from physical damage resulting from flooding or windstorm; and

“(B) provide for approval and payment of claims under such coverage upon proof that such loss must have resulted from either windstorm or flooding, but shall not require for approval and payment of a claim that the specific cause of the loss, whether windstorm or flooding, be distinguished or identified.

“(5) ACTUARIAL RATES.—Multiperil coverage pursuant to this subsection shall be made available for purchase for a property only at chargeable risk premium rates that, based on consideration of the risks involved and accepted actuarial principles, and including operating costs and allowance and administrative expenses, are required in order to make such coverage available on an actuarial basis for the type and class of properties covered.

“(6) TERMS OF COVERAGE.—The Director shall, after consultation with persons and entities referred to in section 1306(a), provide by regulation for the general terms and conditions of insurability which shall be applicable to properties eligible for multiperil