



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On August 28, 2005, Hurricane Katrina reached  
3 landfall, devastating the Gulf coast states; and

4 WHEREAS, The cost in human suffering is ongoing for  
5 hundreds of thousands of people who have lost loved ones,  
6 homes, and livelihoods; and

7 WHEREAS, Humanitarian aid was critically needed in many of  
8 the devastated regions and the devastation on the Gulf Coast of  
9 Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama was catastrophic; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and  
11 other volunteer organizations and charities supplied hurricane  
12 survivors with food, water, and shelter; and

13 WHEREAS, Thousands of volunteers and government employees  
14 committed time and resources to help with recovery efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, The volunteers who deployed to Kenner, Louisiana,  
16 were Lt. Mike Kracht and firefighter John Lynch of the  
17 Centralia Fire Department, Lt. Claude Howell of the Odin Fire  
18 Protection District, and Chief Roger Mann and firefighter Randy  
19 Schreffler of the Salem Fire Protection District; and

20 WHEREAS, The volunteers who deployed to Hammond,  
21 Louisiana, were Officer Bryan Green of Salem Police Department  
22 and Officer Rob Dillon of Centralia Police Department; and

23 WHEREAS, Many volunteers are still working to satisfy their  
24 mission; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
27 we commend the volunteers and offer our condolences to the

1 survivors of Hurricane Katrina; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
3 presented to the volunteers as an expression of our sincere  
4 gratitude for all of their hard work and assistance they  
5 provided.