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H.R. No. 2109

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast on August
2 25, 2017, causing an estimated \$125 billion in damage; and

3 WHEREAS, The second most destructive storm in American
4 history, the hurricane impacted approximately 30 percent of the
5 population of Texas, destroying homes, damaging infrastructure,
6 and displacing thousands of families along the coast; and

7 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency received
8 nearly 800,000 applications from affected Texans for some form of
9 assistance; as many as 83 percent of the people whose homes flooded
10 did not have flood insurance, creating unprecedented demand for
11 state and federal disaster recovery assistance; and

12 WHEREAS, The FEMA application process is so duplicative and
13 confusing, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
14 regulations are so complex, that many survivors give up trying to
15 navigate the system and, therefore, receive no assistance; and

16 WHEREAS, Consolidating funding for recovery housing programs
17 into a single Disaster Housing Response and Recovery Block Grant
18 would increase efficiency, save taxpayer dollars, and speed the
19 recovery process by combining FEMA's short-term programs and HUD's
20 long-term programs; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
22 Legislature hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to
23 enact legislation to consolidate disaster recovery housing funding
24 into a single Disaster Housing Response and Recovery Block Grant;

1 and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of
3 Representatives forward official copies of this resolution to the
4 president of the United States, to the president of the Senate and
5 the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States
6 Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress
7 with the request that this resolution be entered in the
8 Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United
9 States of America.