

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 198—EX-PRESSING SYMPATHY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK ALGERIA ON MAY 21, 2003

Mr. BROWNBAC (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 198

Whereas on the evening of May 21, 2003, a devastating and deadly earthquake of a magnitude of 6.8 on the Richter scale and with a depth of 6 miles struck northern Algeria, killing more than 2,260 people, injuring more than 10,000 others, and leaving more than 200,000 people homeless;

Whereas the earthquake of May 21, 2003, has left thousands of buildings in ruins and has severely disrupted health services, water supply lines, electricity, and telecommunications in Algeria;

Whereas severe aftershocks with magnitudes greater than 4.0 have continued to terrify the people of Algeria and hamper rescue efforts;

Whereas the strength, courage, and determination of the people and Government of Algeria has been displayed since the earthquake;

Whereas the people of the United States and Algeria share strong friendship and mutual respect;

Whereas the United States airlifted to the earthquake-affected population 174,000 blankets, 1,800 tents, electrical equipment, water purification kits, and 3 medical supply kits sufficient to benefit 10,000 people for at least 3 months;

Whereas the United States has provided \$50,000 to the Algerian Red Crescent Society for emergency relief supplies; and

Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has launched an emergency appeal for humanitarian and relief assistance to address the devastation in Algeria that was caused by the powerful earthquake: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the people of Algeria and particularly to the families of the victims and the survivors of the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003;

(2) expresses its support for the people and to the Government of Algeria as they continue their efforts to rebuild their cities and their lives;

(3) expresses support for humanitarian assistance provided by the United States Agency for International Development and other American and international relief organizations;

(4) recognizes the important role that is being performed by the United States and the international community in providing assistance to alleviate the suffering of the people of Algeria; and

(5) encourages the continued commitment by the United States and other countries and international organizations to the rebuilding of the earthquake-affected areas in Algeria.

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I rise to submit a resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003.

Algeria, a North African nation and former colony of France, was rocked by

an enormous earthquake registering 6.8 on the Richter scale on May 21 killing more than 2,000 people, injuring 10,000 and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

I rise to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Algerian people and to encourage the United States to commit itself to help Algerians pick up their lives and move past this tragedy.

President Bush committed funds to the Algerian Red Crescent Society, and the U.S. airlifted disaster supplies, including blankets, tents, medical supply kits.

It is important that in Algeria's hour of need that we act as a humane Nation. The kindness of a compassionate America can help heal the wounds of Algeria.

We must define ourselves as a nation by the goodness and compassion we extend to our fellow human beings who inhabit this world with us.

Though it is not simply in our self-interest, we should be careful to view our compassionate acts as instruments of goodwill presenting the case for American leadership to the world. These acts of compassion can serve to further our interests while reinforcing the American ideal as something other nations would want to attain.

Thomas Jefferson stated that America "should have an Empire for Liberty," meeting a moral obligation to defend and promote freedom throughout the world. That remains for any American foreign policy, but is only buttressed by our willingness to serve our fellow man.

It would be a tragedy in this case if we were to wait for our ship to come in; we should swim out to meet it. Algeria can be the mark where America as a leading moral nation can greet his fellow suffering man with open arms and mercy.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, on May 21 of this year a devastating earthquake shook lives in Algeria and across the world. Two thousand two hundred people were killed, 10,000 were injured, and 200,000 more were left homeless. In response, support from the international community has been overwhelming. The United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team estimates that 85 international flights from 27 different countries landed in Algiers to assist in the emergency relief efforts. Officials in Algeria state that more than 30,000 government workers and 10,000 military personnel were involved in relief activities. The United States alone has given over \$1.3 million in assistance, providing blankets, tents, and medical supplies.

Furthermore I am pleased that many businesses from my home State of Oklahoma are now helping in the reconstruction. They will bring to Algeria the best resources and equipment available to help rebuild the fallen cities. LWPB Architects, Atkins-Benham Constructors and Terex Road Building Group are among the participating companies.

I am pleased to cosponsor this resolution by my colleague from Kansas that expresses our deepest sympathies for the victims of this tragedy. It is our hope that through this international partnership, Algeria will arise a stronger nation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1318. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

SA 1319. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1320. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1321. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1322. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1323. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1324. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1325. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1326. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2555, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1318. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 58, strike line 6 and all that follows through page 59, line 17, and insert the following:

any other provision of law, \$2,908,000,000, which shall be allocated as follows:

(1) \$1,750,000,000 for grants pursuant to section 1014 of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 3711), of which \$500,000,000 shall be available for State and local law enforcement terrorism prevention grants: *Provided*, That no funds shall be made available to any State prior to the submission of an updated state plan to the Office for Domestic Preparedness: *Provided further*, That the application for grants shall be made available to States within 15 days after enactment of this Act; and that States shall submit applications within 30 days after the grant announcement; and that the Office for Domestic Preparedness shall act on each application within 15 days after receipt: *Provided further*, That each State shall obligate not less than 80 percent of the total amount of the grant to local governments within 45 days after the grant award;

(2) \$30,000,000 for technical assistance;

(3) \$750,000,000 for discretionary grants for use in high-threat urban areas, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security: *Provided*, That no less than 80 percent of