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Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives for the victims of the collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium building in Surfside, Florida.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. MAST, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. DUNN, Mr. CRIST, Mr. SOTO, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. STEUBE, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. WALTZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives for the victims of the collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium building in Surfside, Florida.

Whereas in the early morning of June 24, 2021, the 40-year-old Champlain Towers South residential condominium building with approximately 130 units in Surfside, Florida, partially collapsed, leading to deaths and injuries of residents and the permanent evacuation of those in the portion of the building still standing;

Whereas confirming the gravity of the catastrophe, the President issued an emergency declaration for the State of Florida on June 25, 2021, authorizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to coordinate the response and recovery effort and to supplement State and local resources;

Whereas first responders and emergency response professionals at the Federal, State, and local levels responded to the tragedy, searching the wreckage for survivors and remains of deceased residents and worked to reunite families;

Whereas countless generous volunteers, charitable organizations, and individual donors have contributed to support the Surfside community;

Whereas while dozens of Champlain Towers South residents were thankfully reunified with friends and family, 98 people tragically lost their lives in the collapse;

Whereas survivors, victims' friends and family, first responders, and members of the local community have experienced severe emotional trauma, as many have lost loved ones, homes, pets, or cherished personal belongings; and

Whereas Congress provided the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) with \$22,000,000 to initiate a technical investigation into the causes of the partial collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominiums and the inquiry is ongoing: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the memory of the deceased;

1 (2) offers deepest sympathies and heartfelt con-
2 dolences to all residents and to the families and
3 friends of deceased and injured residents;

4 (3) sends sincere gratitude to the first respond-
5 ers and emergency response professionals assisting
6 the Surfside community, and acknowledges the need
7 for continued aid to the victims and the broader
8 community;

9 (4) encourages flexibility and cooperation be-
10 tween creditors and survivors to ensure appropriate
11 relief; and

12 (5) supports the investigation into the causes of
13 the Champlain Towers South building collapse, and
14 is committed to supporting efforts to prevent future
15 high-rise building collapses.

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