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# H. RES. 264

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2003

Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BELL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. PALLONE, and Ms. MCCOLLUM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003.

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

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 Government and people 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 17,000 blankets, 1800 tents, electrical equipment, water purification kits, and 3 medical supply kits that will benefit 10,000 people over 3 months;

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

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

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the peo-  
3       ple of Algeria and particularly to the families of the  
4       victims and the survivors for the tragic losses suf-  
5       fered as a result of the earthquake of May 21, 2003;

6               (2) expresses its support for the people and to  
7       the Government of Algeria as they continue their ef-  
8       forts to rebuild their cities and their lives;

1           (3) expresses support for humanitarian assist-  
2           ance provided by the United States Agency for  
3           International Development and other American and  
4           international relief organizations;

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

9           (5) encourages a continued commitment by the  
10          United States and other countries and international  
11          organizations to the rebuilding of the earthquake-af-  
12          fected areas in Algeria.

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