



H.RES. 1236 – EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CITIZENS OF BLACK HAWK, BUCHANAN, BUTLER, AND DELAWARE COUNTIES, IOWA, WHO WERE VICTIMS OF THE DEVASTATING TORNADO THAT STRUCK THEIR COMMUNITIES ON MAY 25, 2008

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H.Res. 1236 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bruce Braley (D-IA) on June 4, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1236 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 10, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1236 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses its deepest sympathies to the citizens of Black Hawk, Buchanan, Butler, and Delaware Counties, Iowa, who were victims of the devastating tornado that struck their communities on May 25, 2008; and
- Expresses its support as these citizens continue their efforts to clean up and rebuild their communities.

BACKGROUND

On Sunday, May 25, 2008, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Butler, and Delaware Counties in Iowa were struck by a level EF5 tornado. A preliminary damage estimate completed by Iowa Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) lists over \$6 million in damages caused by the tornado. Not included in this \$6 million estimate are damages done to nearly 1,000 insured and non-insured homes assessed by Iowa Homeland Security and FEMA after the storm. The assessment totaled 394 homes completely destroyed.

President Bush declared the counties affected by the tornado as Federal Disaster Areas. This declaration made public assistance available to State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of Private Nonprofit organizations and as well individual assistance for families and businesses located in Black Hawk and Buchanan Counties. Also, public assistance was made available for Delaware and Butler Counties.

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