



**H.Res. 787 – Expressing the support and sympathy of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the tragic fire that occurred in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, on October 28, 2007**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.Res. 787 is being considered on the House floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative James Clyburn (D-SC) on October 31, 2007. The bill was sent to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform but was never considered.

H.Res. 787 is expected to be considered on the House floor on November 6, 2007.

**SUMMARY**

H.Res. 787 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses its deepest condolences to the families and friends of Lauren Mahon, Allison Walden, Travis Cale, Justin Anderson, Emily Yelton, William Rhea, and Cassidy Pendley, and offers its hope for the quick and full recovery of those students who were injured in the fire;
- Expresses immense gratitude for the efforts of countless emergency response personnel, local, State, and Federal officials, health care providers, volunteers, and citizens who have been part of the response; and
- Expresses its support for all of the students, faculty, administration, and staff at the University of South Carolina and Clemson University as they heal from this tragedy.

**BACKGROUND**

In the early morning of October 28, 2007, flames broke out at a beach house in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina. The fire killed 7 students, six of whom attended the University of South Carolina and one who attended Clemson University.

6 University of South Carolina students were injured while escaping the flames and were treated at Brunswick Community Hospital.

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