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# H. RES. 823

Commending the outstanding efforts by members of faith-based and community organizations in response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN OF WISCONSIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Commending the outstanding efforts by members of faith-based and community organizations in response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Whereas on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina and on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita struck the Gulf Coast of the United States, affecting millions of people, displacing hundreds of thousands, and causing an unknown number of fatalities in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, and Florida;

Whereas the response by members of faith-based and community organizations to aid in the relief efforts has been immediate and courageous;

Whereas members of faith-based and community organizations have shown compassion and leadership in responding to the immediate basic needs of the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, assisting in their resettlement across the United States, and organizing and executing national fundraising efforts;

Whereas these faith-based and community organizations are in a unique position to respond to many of the needs of the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, working in partnership with the Federal Government and State governments; and

Whereas faith-based and community organizations such as Catholic Charities USA, the Salvation Army, the North American Baptist Conference, and the

American Red Cross, along with many other faith-based communities from across the Nation, have responded with invaluable resources, time, and compassion to aid in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief efforts: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1)

commends the outstanding efforts by members of faith-based and community organizations in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, that struck the Gulf Coast in August and September of 2005;

(2)

recognizes that these organizations have done extraordinary and invaluable work to bring relief to the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;

(3)

encourages all government agencies to consider faith-based and community organizations in disaster relief and recovery in the future; and

(4)

thanks the faith-based and volunteer communities for their service.

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