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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42

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1 A Resolution recognizing the devastating Nepal
2 earthquakes and the injuries and damages they have
3 caused.

4 WHEREAS, on April 25, 2015, a 7.8 magnitude
5 earthquake struck 50 miles west of Kathmandu in
6 Nepal; and

7 WHEREAS, over 19,000 people have been injured
8 and more than 8,000 have lost their lives to this
9 earthquake, which was the most powerful earthquake in
10 Nepal in over 80 years; and

11 WHEREAS, the earthquake triggered an avalanche on
12 Mount Everest which killed at least 19 people, marking
13 the deadliest day in the mountain's history, and also
14 triggered a second avalanche in the Langtang Valley
15 that left 250 people missing; and

16 WHEREAS, amid weeks of aftershocks, a 7.3 magnitude
17 earthquake struck about 50 miles east of Kathmandu on
18 May 12, 2015, killing over 200 people and injuring
19 thousands more in Nepal, India, and Tibet; and

20 WHEREAS, tent cities have been fashioned for the
21 hundreds of thousands of individuals who have lost
22 their homes or cannot return home for fear of ongoing
23 aftershocks; and

24 WHEREAS, the destruction of centuries-old Buddhist
25 stupas, temples, and durbar squares at UNESCO World
26 Heritage Sites in the Kathmandu Valley has resulted in
27 irreparable damage to Nepal's cultural heritage; and

28 WHEREAS, nearly 870,000 students are unable to

1 return to their classrooms after 36,000 classrooms in
2 5,000 schools were destroyed and damaged; and

3 WHEREAS, courageous first responders, members of the
4 national guard, and civilians have worked tirelessly
5 and selflessly to save the lives of those stranded on
6 mountaintops, cut off in remote villages, and buried
7 under rubble; and

8 WHEREAS, the full extent of the damage from these
9 tragedies is still not fully known; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 300 Nepalese individuals
11 and families live in Iowa, many of whom are important
12 community members and work for large corporations, as
13 entrepreneurs, or as educators; and

14 WHEREAS, several Nepalese-Iowans are currently in
15 Nepal working in relief efforts, including Kailash
16 Kayastha, Prajita Dahal, Surendra Bajracharya, and
17 Janak Adhikari, while the Iowa Nepalese Association has
18 worked to raise funds and awareness of the extent of
19 the disaster; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
21 the House of Representatives expresses its deepest and
22 most heartfelt condolences to the people of Nepal for
23 their unfathomable losses; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the citizens of
25 Iowa and charitable organizations in the state are
26 encouraged to be generous with humanitarian and
27 rebuilding assistance; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
29 resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief
30 Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Embassy

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1 of Nepal in the United States and the Iowa Nepalese
2 Association.