

Senate Resolution 11 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A Resolution of condolence to the people of Japan.

2 WHEREAS, for over five decades the peoples of
3 Japan and Iowa have strengthened their friendships
4 through the cultivation of educational, cultural,
5 interpersonal, and commercial relationships, creating
6 a bond ever stronger as the years passed, and for that
7 reason a tragedy for the people of Japan is a tragedy
8 for Iowans as well; and

9 WHEREAS, the people of Japan have been afflicted
10 with a triple calamity: an earthquake, a tsunami, and
11 a nuclear energy accident; and

12 WHEREAS, in spite of the incalculable suffering
13 and loss, the strength of the Japanese people remains
14 unbroken, as rescuers work around the clock to bring
15 aid, comfort, and safety to the countless victims; and

16 WHEREAS, the people of Iowa pay special homage
17 to the courage and honor of the so-called "Fukushima
18 Fifty", that group of 180 technicians who have
19 continuously rotated shifts at the stricken reactor,
20 despite the risk to their own safety; and

21 WHEREAS, in this darkest of times, the people of
22 Iowa now stand firm and ready with the people of Japan
23 to undertake the work of recovery; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate, on
25 behalf of the people of Iowa, expresses its sorrow,
26 and offers its deepest sympathy to those who have lost
27 their loved ones, their homes, and their livelihoods in
28 this most terrible of disasters.