

Reps. Miller, Accavitti, Brown, Byrnes, Byrum, Clack, Cushingberry, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Gleason, Gonzales, Hopgood, Kahn, Kolb, Kathleen Law, Leland, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr., Lipsey, McDowell, Murphy, Polidori, Rocca, Alma Smith, Spade, Tobocman and Vagnozzi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 160.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of State to increase aid and humanitarian assistance to the regions of Pakistan devastated by the earthquake of October 8, 2005.

Whereas, On October 8, 2005, a major earthquake caused enormous damage and destruction in areas of Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan. It is estimated that over 90,000 individuals lost their lives and over 100,000 have sustained injuries as a result of this natural disaster; and

Whereas, The humanitarian crisis in the Kashmiri region will continue to deteriorate if further assistance is not provided to the survivors of the region. As winter is about to set in on the region, the need to deliver food and medical supplies quickly to individuals stranded in devastated areas remains pressing. Temperatures are low and snowfall is high during winters in this Himalayan region. Without assistance, thousands more will lose their lives due to disease, starvation, and harsh temperatures; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has a large and active community of Pakistani-Americans who have worked diligently since the day of the disaster to raise funds to help with the relief and recovery efforts in the region; and

Whereas, The thoughts and prayers of the citizens of Michigan are with the residents of the Kashmiri region as they recover from this disaster and work to rebuild their homes and lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of State to increase aid and humanitarian assistance to the regions of Pakistan devastated by the earthquake of October 8, 2005; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.