## H.R. NO. **7**

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING ALOHA AND SUPPORT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HOUSTON AND THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey has set the record for the most rainfall from a single storm in the contiguous United States with an unprecedented rainfall of 43 inches in Houston and 52 inches in areas outside Houston; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey is anticipated to be the most expensive natural disaster in the nation's history with an estimated \$160 billion in damages, and has so far has killed over 20 people and displaced more than 30,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey has submerged or flooded thousands of homes and crippled thirteen percent of the United States' oil refining capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is no stranger to extreme tropical weather requiring local, state, and national support and collaboration while restoring and rebuilding our communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Special Session of 2017, that this body expresses its sympathy, aloha, and condolences for the tragic loss of life, displacement, and damage caused by Hurricane Harvey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body commends the bravery and dedication of all uniformed first responders and citizen volunteers who risk their own security and comfort to ensure the safety of others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii stand with Houston and East Texas and continue to send thoughts, prayers, and support as those affected embark on a path of recovery; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes the steadfast spirit of the American people to come together to overcome and recover after any disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Governor of Texas, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, the President of the Texas Senate, the Mayor of Houston, and the Houston City Council.