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5 By: Representative Cook
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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 URGING THE CONGRESS TO ASSURE THAT CLEAN-UP FUNDS
10 ARE MADE TIMELY AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES
11 FOREST SERVICE AND OTHER AGENCIES TO PREVENT
12 CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY AND
13 PUBLIC HEALTH FROM UNCONTROLLABLE WILDFIRES
14 BURNING THE DEBRIS FROM THE DECEMBER ICE STORMS
15 IN ARKANSAS.
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17 **Subtitle**

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19 AVAILABLE TO PREVENT CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE
20 FROM WILDFIRES BURNING THE DEBRIS FROM
21 THE DECEMBER ICE STORMS IN ARKANSAS.
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24 WHEREAS, the ice storms of December 13 and 25, 2000, ravaged thousands
25 of acres of private and public forests in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; and
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27 WHEREAS, President Clinton declared sixty-seven (67) Arkansas counties
28 as federal disaster areas for the purposes of providing early financial
29 assistance to cities and counties to help with their most urgent ice storm-
30 caused health and safety problems; and
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32 WHEREAS, these early funds do not provide for the critical treatment
33 and restoration work needed to prevent catastrophic wildfires on the private
34 and public forestlands of Arkansas; and
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36 WHEREAS, if these lands go untreated, the ten-fold increase in fuel

1 loadings may result in major conflagrations that destroy private and public
2 property and threaten the health and safety of countless Arkansans; and
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4 WHEREAS, supplemental appropriation requests detailing the need by
5 program area and the work that would be accomplished were sent by agency
6 field officers to their agency headquarters in Washington, D. C.,
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8 NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
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12 That the Arkansas General Assembly urges the President of the United
13 States and the United States Congress to take all reasonable action necessary
14 to provide adequate and timely funding to the federal agencies responsible
15 for the treatment and restoration work on these lands.
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk
18 of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to
19 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the United
20 States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and to each
21 member of the Arkansas congressional delegation.
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23 /s/ Cook
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