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5 By: Representative Thompson

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8 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 EXTENDING SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO THE TOWN OF
10 MARMADUKE, ARKANSAS, AND ITS RESIDENTS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 TOWN OF MARMADUKE, ARKANSAS, AND ITS
15 RESIDENTS.

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18 WHEREAS, at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2006, a tornado
19 with estimated winds of 113-157 miles per hour formed at the western edge of
20 the town of Marmaduke, Arkansas, crossing Arkansas Highway 34 and first
21 striking the Marmaduke High School; and

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23 WHEREAS, the twister then struck the city park, flattened several
24 houses to the north and northwest of the downtown area, and finally struck
25 the American Railcar Industries factory on the east side of town, tossing
26 twenty (20) to thirty (30) freight cars like toys; and

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28 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers and medical personnel from all over
29 Northeast Arkansas converged on the Greene County town of 1,100 residents
30 approximately fifteen (15) miles north of Paragould to render assistance; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Arkansas State Police closed U.S. Highway 49 two (2) miles
33 south of Marmaduke and Arkansas Highway 34 immediately west of the city,
34 allowing only residents and emergency personnel access; and

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36 WHEREAS, a medical helicopter circled over the downtown area while



1 rescue crews began searching damaged houses for survivors once conditions
2 permitted; and

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4 WHEREAS, numerous houses have been damaged or destroyed, leaving many
5 residents of the Town of Marmaduke temporarily homeless; and

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7 WHEREAS, shelters have been opened at a church in Marmaduke and in
8 several locations in Paragould to assist victims of this tragedy,

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10 NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 THAT the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly
15 of the State of Arkansas extends its deepest sympathy and prayers to the town
16 and residents of Marmaduke, Arkansas, and wishes a speedy recovery to all
17 victims of the April 2, 2006, tornado.