

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

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Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 2016 West Virginia floods.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JUSTICE (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION**

Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 2016 West  
Virginia floods.

Whereas, on June 23, 2016, several rounds of thunderstorms  
brought severe rainfall throughout West Virginia;

Whereas the “thousand-year event” resulted in devastating  
floods across the State and flash flooding caused 23 fa-  
talities;

Whereas the Governor of West Virginia declared a State of  
Emergency in 44 of 55 West Virginia counties and the  
President declared a major disaster under section 401 of  
the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance  
Act (42 U.S.C. 5170);

Whereas the storms inflicted catastrophic damage, estimated  
at \$1,200,000,000;

Whereas more than 500,000 people lost power, and thousands of homes and businesses were either damaged or destroyed;

Whereas roads and bridges were washed out, and multiple schools were completely destroyed;

Whereas communities across West Virginia were entirely underwater;

Whereas countless first responders and neighbors stepped in to protect residents of affected communities; and

Whereas West Virginia communities have shown great resilience and strength to rebuild homes, businesses, schools, and other sites affected by the floods: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commemorates the tenth anniversary of the  
3       floods in West Virginia on June 23, 2016; and

4               (2) honors the West Virginians who lost their  
5       lives and those who were affected by the floods.