

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4676, by Representative Chopp

WHEREAS, On May 22, 2011, the Washington Conservation Corps team responded immediately to news of tornado devastation in Joplin, Missouri, by driving through the night to the area affected; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Conservation Corps team took a lead role in the Joplin tornado relief effort for more than two weeks, supervising debris removal, conducting damage assessments, clearing paths so that local first responders could navigate through homes and businesses to rescue victims, and operating volunteer intake stations and missing persons hotlines; and

WHEREAS, In total, the Washington Conservation Corps team contributed nearly 4,200 hours of service on tornado response in Missouri, and in their 36 days of being deployed, the team only spent 3 days in rest; and

WHEREAS, The Missouri State Legislature has declared that the AmeriCorps volunteers have been indispensable to the recovery efforts in Joplin and Duquesne, Missouri following the tornado that killed 161 residents and destroyed over 7,000 homes, churches, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Conservation Corps team who served in Missouri consists of the following members: Rob Crawford, Alex McCarty, Aaron Minney, Matt Rowell, Taylor Barker, Caleb Dobey, Mike Stowell, Jeff Delarosa, Chris McGinn, Zach Shut, Sarah Stover, and Horace Ward;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the twelve members of the Washington Conservation Corps who served tirelessly to assist the tornado victims of Missouri and commend their display of leadership in tornado relief efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its thanks and appreciation to the Missouri State Legislature for recognizing the Washington Conservation Corps for its service in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to AmeriCorps Washington and the Missouri State Legislature.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4676 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 23, 2012

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Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk