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By: Representative Davis
By: Senator D. Sanders

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING PASTOR CHRIS KINZLER, FIRST RESPONDERS,
AID ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR
EFFORTS AFTER THE APRIL 27, 2014, TORNADO.

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WHEREAS, on April 27, 2014, an EF2 or greater tornado struck near the county lines of Saline County and Pulaski County, Arkansas, affecting 4 areas in Pulaski County before striking the areas of Mayflower and Vilonia, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, first responders eventually dispatched to 4 total locations for storm response including emergency medical care, search and rescue, and removal of trees, storm debris, and downed power lines from roadways; and

WHEREAS, there were several zones of impact, including:

- (1) Brush Mountain Trail and Turkey Trail in Paron, Arkansas, on which 5 residential structures were damaged or destroyed;
- (2) Deer Drive in Paron, on which 16 residential structures were damaged or destroyed;
- (3) Carnation Lane in Paron, on which 8 residential structures were damaged or destroyed, and a shop was destroyed;



(4) The 35000-block of Kanis Road in Little Rock, Arkansas, on which 12 residential structures were damaged or destroyed;

(5) Bandy Road in Little Rock, on which 2 residential structures were damaged;

(6) Bandy Ridge Road and Neal Creek Road in Little Rock, on which 5 properties were damaged;

(7) Somerset Estates in Roland, Arkansas, in which 13 residential structures were damaged or destroyed;

(8) Hood Road in Roland, on which 3 residential structures were damaged or destroyed; and

(9) Lake Vista Road in Roland, on which 1 residential structure was destroyed and several structures were damaged; and

WHEREAS, 3 people in Pulaski County, Rob Tittle, Rebekah Tittle, and Tori Tittle, were tragically killed as a result of this devastation; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Chris Kinzler of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Ferndale, Arkansas, was instrumental in coordinating recovery and clean-up efforts with over 1,800 volunteers from nearby churches, schools, organizations, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the help, donations, and outstanding amount of compassion from neighbors, mutual aid organizations like the Ferndale Extension Club, and the community were vital to effective search and rescue efforts; and

WHEREAS, first-responder crews from the West Pulaski Fire Department, Pulaski County Sherriff's Department, Paron Fire Department, and Lake Maumelle Fire Department conducted searches of impacted areas to ensure each home and property was thoroughly inspected for injuries or casualties, marked damaged structures, and mitigated hazards including downed power lines and gas leaks; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Forestry Commission and *Southwestern* Energy Company provided equipment and manpower to remove trees and storm debris in order to clear access roads to ensure emergency vehicles access to all roads and residences; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Chris Kinzler, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, West Pulaski Fire Department, Pulaski County Sherriff's Department, Paron Fire Department, the Arkansas Forestry Commission, *Southwestern* Energy Company, other first responders, aid organizations, and compassionate neighbors are deserving of public commendation and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, in light of the devastation caused by the April 27, 2014 tornado, the House of Representatives urges Pulaski County and other Arkansas counties to evaluate current emergency response procedures, and address ways to ensure the most efficient emergency response in the future,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Senate express sincere appreciation to Pastor Chris Kinzler, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, West Pulaski Fire Department, Pulaski County Sherriff's Department, Paron Fire Department, the Arkansas Forestry Commission, *Southwestern* Energy Company, other first responders, aid organizations, and neighboring communities for their effective response, rescue, and clean-up efforts following the tornado events beginning April 27, 2014, in Pulaski and Saline Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution an appropriate copy be provided by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Pastor Chris Kinzler to be displayed in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and available for the community to view.

/s/Davis