

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging all Americans to contribute to the recovery of the
2 Japanese people both materially and spiritually, expressing appreciation to those who
3 have already taken part in that effort, and adjourning the House of Representatives in
4 remembrance of those affected by the events in Japan.

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to thousands of Japanese citizens and about 150
6 Japanese companies that provide over 31,000 jobs to Kentucky; and Japanese companies
7 have helped bridge cultural divides in Kentucky, making our Commonwealth even more
8 appropriate as a destination for new Japanese investment; and

9 WHEREAS, Japanese investments have been of significant economic and cultural
10 importance to Kentucky, and the influence of Japanese culture in Kentucky can be seen in
11 everything from restaurants to schools around the state; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, a massive 8.9 magnitude earthquake hit the
13 Pacific Ocean nearby Northeastern Japan causing damage with blackouts, fire, and
14 tsunami; and large swathes of the country remain without power, with many more injured
15 and suffering without timely access to food, water, shelter, power, or medicine; and

16 WHEREAS, this was the largest earthquake in recorded history to hit Japan, and the
17 count for the missing and dead is rising by the hour, with several hundred thousand others
18 displaced; and many relief missions and organizations are connecting with partners to
19 assess damages and needs resulting from the powerful earthquake and massive tsunami;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the United States of America has joined the international community
22 in pledging its support to emergency relief efforts in Japan; and American and
23 international relief agencies like the United Methodist Committee on Relief, International
24 Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, and other charities have rushed to assist in the
25 efforts to relieve the suffering of the Japanese people, truly demonstrating that in times of
26 tragedy, we are all one people, unified under our Creator's watchful eye; and

27 WHEREAS, due to the massive nature of the casualties and needs in Japan,

1 charities and various other relief organizations are exhausting their supplies as soon as
2 they are delivered, with a constant stream of relief supplies needed to benefit those who
3 are suffering; and

4 WHEREAS, the people of the United States are among the most blessed on earth,
5 both materially and spiritually, and have continued to be generous with their gifts and
6 their prayers to those in need;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

8 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
9 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

10 →Section 1. The House of Representatives expresses its heartfelt appreciation to
11 both governmental and nongovernmental organizations that have responded swiftly to the
12 events in Japan.

13 →Section 2. The House of Representatives encourages all Americans to partake in
14 relief efforts aimed at the recovery of the Japanese people in this time of great need.

15 →Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
16 remembrance of all those whose lives have been lost and otherwise affected by the
17 earthquake, tsunami, aftershocks, and resulting events in Japan.

18 →Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit
19 copies of this Resolution to the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador
20 Ichiro Fujisaki, 2520 Massachusetts Ave, N.W., Washington D.C. 20008; and local news
21 media organizations.

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