

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H. RES. 944
OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

1 That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its solidarity with and deepest
3 sympathy for the people of Guatemala, especially the
4 victims of the volcano eruption, and their families;

5 (2) recognizes the efforts of Guatemalan first
6 responders and citizen volunteers who have coura-
7 geously rescued survivors and provided emergency
8 assistance;

9 (3) recognizes the voluntary donations made by
10 United States citizens, companies, and charities to
11 relief and reconstruction efforts; and

12 (4) urges the United States Agency for Inter-
13 national Development and other relevant United
14 States agencies to continue to provide relief and re-
15 construction assistance, using local procurement to
16 the greatest extent possible.

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas, on Sunday, June 3, 2018, Guatemala's Fuego Volcano, which borders the Chimaltenago, Esquintla, and Sacatepequez Departments, erupted, spewing toxic gas, volcanic ash, and rock into the surrounding area;

Whereas according to Guatemala's natural disaster commission, CONRED, more than 100 people have died, at least 197 are missing, more than 12,500 have been evacuated from affected areas, and over 4,000 sheltered;

Whereas, on June 3, 2018, the President of Guatemala, Jimmy Morales, declared 3 days of national mourning;

Whereas, on June 6, 2018, the United States Embassy in Guatemala announced that the United States would provide an initial contribution of \$300,000 in humanitarian assistance;

Whereas, on June 7, 2018, six pediatric burn patients arrived safely at Shriners Hospital in Galveston, Texas, following close coordination between the Department of State, the United States Mission in Guatemala, and the Department of Defense, in collaboration with Shriners International and the Guatemalan Government;

Whereas rains and the persistence of volcanic ash and toxic gases have further impeded recovery efforts; and

Whereas Guatemala is a longstanding United States economic and security partner: Now, therefore, be it

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