

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
SOUTH KOREA

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, fifty-five years ago, the United States came to the aid of South Korea, when it was invaded by Communist forces from across its northern border. This month, South Korea has come to the aid of the United States, when a natural disaster struck from across our southern coastline.

With its generous pledge of \$30 million in cash, services, and in-kind contributions, South Korea joins a list of more than 90 countries that have offered some form of assistance to our efforts of relief and recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

What is noteworthy is that, among those nearly 100 countries, South Korea is providing the fourth-largest offer of assistance. According to a recent statement by the Korean Embassy, "Seoul's commitment of \$30 million will comprise of \$5 million from the government budget with the remainder to be raised through a collection of contributions by the Ko-

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