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Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 2016 West Virginia floods.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. JUSTICE (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 2016 West Virginia floods.

Whereas, on June 23, 2016, several rounds of thunderstorms brought severe rainfall throughout West Virginia;

Whereas the “thousand-year event” resulted in devastating floods across the State and flash flooding caused 23 fatalities;

Whereas the Governor of West Virginia declared a State of Emergency in 44 of 55 West Virginia counties and the President declared a major disaster under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170);

Whereas the storms inflicted catastrophic damage, estimated at \$1,200,000,000;

Whereas more than 500,000 people lost power, and thousands of homes and businesses were either damaged or destroyed;

Whereas roads and bridges were washed out, and multiple schools were completely destroyed;

Whereas communities across West Virginia were entirely underwater;

Whereas countless first responders and neighbors stepped in to protect residents of affected communities; and

Whereas West Virginia communities have shown great resilience and strength to rebuild homes, businesses, schools, and other sites affected by the floods: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates the tenth anniversary of the
3 floods in West Virginia on June 23, 2016; and

4 (2) honors the West Virginians who lost their
5 lives and those who were affected by the floods.