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October 22, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of the State of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
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Dear Governor Haley,

I am very pleased to present to you a copy of the October 21, 2015, Congressional Record, page, H7038, containing my One Minute Speech, *Grateful Response to South Carolina Flood*, given on the House Floor.

I appreciate your service and dedication to the community. It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, and I value your input.

If I may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Warmest regards,*

*Joe*

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## Grateful Response to South Carolina Flood (One Minute Speech – October 21, 2015)

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ONE MINUTE SPEECH OF  
**HON. JOE WILSON**  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, despite the destruction of the thousand-year rain event flooding, it was a testament to the people of South Carolina working together. Led by Governor Nikki Haley and Adjutant General Bob Livingston, our State is a model for disaster response.

I am grateful for our State Emergency Management Division, led by Director Kim Stenson, for over 1,500 successful rescue missions and to all of our first responders for the countless rescues.

Credit is due to Director Christy Hall and the South Carolina Department of Transportation for their tireless work. During the flooding, over 500 roads and bridges were closed. I know firsthand, as the road I live on was washed out, the location of our family home for the last six generations, which was named by my grandmother.

Donations and volunteers have come from across the Nation. The Salvation Army, led by Major Roger Coulson, has provided over 50,000 meals to displaced persons in the flooding. The Red Cross, inspired by national president Gail McGovern's visit, has operated 26 shelters.

I appreciate the positive spirit of the people of South Carolina spontaneously coming together as family and neighbors before turning to government.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and the President by his actions must never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Thank you, Coach Steve Spurrier, for developing winning Gamecocks.

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Dear Governor Haley,

I am very pleased to present to you a copy of the October 20, 2015, Congressional Record, page, H6984, containing my One Minute Speech, *South Carolinians are an Inspiration*, given on the House Floor.

I appreciate your service and dedication to the community. It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, and I value your input.

If I may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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*With warmest regards,  
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## **SOUTH CAROLINIANS ARE AN INSPIRATION**

(One Minute Speech – October 20, 2015)

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF  
**HON. JOE WILSON**  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the past two weeks in South Carolina have been inspiring as I learned and saw spontaneous acts of thoughtfulness and compassion for flood victims.

The thousand-year rain event was a disastrous collision of a weather front from the west meeting a moisture-laden trough from the east caused by Hurricane Joaquin bypassing the State, dumping 11 trillion gallons of water, inundating communities with rainfalls up to 26 inches overnight. The volume was equal to filling the Rose Bowl over 130,000 times.

Governor Nikki Haley and National Guard Adjutant General Bob Livingston, backed up by the State Guard, have continued to lead dedicated personnel for safety and recovery. Colonel Kevin Shwedo will be the recovery coordinator.

Individual acts of heroism arise daily, such as the courage of Frank Roddey, Ryan Truluck, Drew Bozard, and Zack Hudson, who were cited by The State for rescuing, by boat, neighbors from their submerged Lake Katherine homes. Every church and school has energized volunteers and relief efforts for families.

The Salvation Army thanked Mary and J.T. Gandolfo with Rich O'Dell for raising over \$141,000 in a WLTX telethon, with Columbia Rotary Club members receiving the calls.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson deserves praise for his dedicated FEMA personnel and SBA representatives implementing Federal assistance.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and the President by his actions should never forget September the 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.