

1 **COMMITTEE:** **COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND**  
2 **INTERSTATE COMMERCE**

3 **RESOLUTION:** **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FURTHER**  
4 **EXTENSION OF THE TERRORISM RISK**  
5 **INSURANCE ACT OF 2002**

6 **TYPE:** **NEW RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY**  
7 **Representative Brian Kennedy (RI)**

8 WHEREAS, the United States continues to be engaged in an ongoing war  
9 against terrorism and the threats of future attacks inside the country remains; and

10 WHEREAS, future attacks could include the use of unconventional (nuclear,  
11 biological, chemical or radiological) weapons that could result in a large number  
12 of casualties or could involve attacks such as cyber-terrorism that would impact  
13 businesses and critical infrastructure across the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, created through the  
15 enactment of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) of 2002 and extended in  
16 2005 and 2007, has allowed for a viable and stable terrorism risk insurance  
17 market; and

18 WHEREAS, absent extension by Congress, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of  
19 2002 will expire on December 31, 2014; and

20 WHEREAS, failure by Congress to extend TRIA would likely result in the inability  
21 of insurers to offer widespread coverage for future catastrophes resulting from

22 terrorism or would likely create capacity concerns where terrorism coverage must  
23 be provided; and

24 WHEREAS, without adequate terrorism insurance coverage, banks may be  
25 unwilling to extend loans for commercial transactions, such as mortgages,  
26 construction projects and other capital-intensive initiatives; and

27 WHEREAS, the lack of private terrorism insurance to cover losses from future  
28 terrorist attacks may require the federal government to cover such losses; and

29 WHEREAS, without the shared public-private responsibility program established  
30 by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, a limited availability of insurance  
31 against terrorism would have a severe adverse effect on our country's economy  
32 as financiers might be reluctant to lend, businesses might be reluctant to invest,  
33 and commercial consumers might be unable to afford insurance; and

34 WHEREAS, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program is an essential component of  
35 effective national economic recovery following a catastrophic terrorist attack in  
36 the United States; and

37 WHEREAS, NCSL supported the enactment of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act  
38 of 2002 and subsequent extensions in 2005 and 2007;

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NCSL supports a long-term  
40 extension of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002; and

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, NCSL urges Congress and  
42 the Administration to take action as soon as possible to extend the Terrorism  
43 Risk Insurance Act of 2002.