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S. 2618

To direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to designate New Jersey Task Force 1 as part of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2002

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. CORZINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADDITION OF TEAM TO NATIONAL URBAN**
4 **SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The terrorist attacks of September 11,
7 2001, demonstrated the importance of enhancing na-
8 tional domestic terrorism preparedness.

1 (2) Twenty-six of the 28 urban search and res-
2 cue teams included in the National Urban Search
3 and Rescue Response System of the Federal Emer-
4 gency Management Agency were called into action in
5 the wake of the events of September 11.

6 (3) Highly-qualified, urban search and rescue
7 teams not included in the National Urban Search
8 and Rescue Response System were the first teams in
9 New York City on September 11.

10 (4) The continuing threat of a possible domestic
11 terrorist attack remains an important mission for
12 which the Nation must prepare to respond.

13 (5) Part of that response should be to increase
14 the number of urban search and rescue teams in-
15 cluded in National Urban Search and Rescue Re-
16 sponse System.

17 (b) ADDITION OF NEW JERSEY TASK FORCE 1.—
18 The Director of the Federal Emergency Management
19 Agency shall designate New Jersey Task Force 1 as part
20 of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response Sys-
21 tem.

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