

We will recognize with this resolution and celebrate the 100th anniversary of this historic organization that is a force for good, a leading voice in the United States for compassionate service and care and for social reform. More than 1,700 local Catholic Charities, agencies and institutions nationwide carry out the mission to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice and social structures, to call people of good will to do the same by working with individuals and families and communities to help them meet their needs, address their issues, eliminate oppression, and build a just and compassionate society.

Catholic Charities focuses on poverty, but has important work in parenthood, in immigration, human trafficking, disaster response and relief, climate change and other such things.

Catholic Charities provides help and hope for more than 8.5 million people each year. For example, it provides food service to millions of people; immigration services; refugee services; addiction services; adoption services; temporary shelter; transitional housing; and much, much more, in a compassionate, nonsectarian way.

This really is an example of what we can do together as a community. I see this in New Jersey under the auspices of the bishop of the diocese of Metuchen, Bishop Bootkoski; the bishop of Trenton, Bishop O'Connell; dedicated people, such as Francis Dolan, Joyce Campbell and Marianne Majewski. On the national scene, Rev. Snyder, the national president, provides every day a fine example of how service and care and compassion that are motivated by faith and religious teaching are delivered in a nonsectarian way without proselytizing and available to people of all faiths.

These people let their works, their good works, speak. Communities that are marred by disasters such as hurricanes, fires and floods find Catholic Charities there as one of the greatest providers of financial and technical assistance and training and, most of all, compassion and care.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing 100 years of good works of Catholic Charities USA.