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HOUSE MEMBERS TRAVEL TO JOPLIN AFTER DEADLY TORNADO

On Sunday, May 22, an EF-5 tornado set down in Joplin killing more than 140 residents and creating million of dollars of damage. On Wednesday, June 9, nearly 40 members of the House, along with family and staff, traveled to Joplin to view tornado damage and volunteer in the cleanup effort. Reps. Bill White, R-Joplin, and Charlie Davis, R-Webb City, organized the trip. The tour began at Missouri Southern State University and traveled to the Duquesne neighborhood that lost 90 percent of its homes. Representatives were then taken to stops near Range Line Road and Joplin High School. After a lunch break at Freeman Hospital, the group began helping clean up debris on 22nd and 23rd streets in Joplin.



A group of Representatives, staff and family walk down 22nd Street in Joplin.



Rep. Terry Swinger, D-Caruthersville, surveys the damage near Joplin High School. Swinger's district experienced a similar tornado in 2006 in which Caruthersville High School was hit as well.



Joplin resident J.E. Cruse stands in what used to be his living room.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“You cry because of the incredible devastation and you cry because of the incredible outpouring of help.”

* Rep. Sara Lampe, D-Springfield



Minority Floor Leader Mike Talboy, D-Kansas City, and House Speaker Steven Tilley, R-Perryville, discuss ways the House can assist Joplin.



Rep. Mike McGhee, R-Odessa, reacts to the devastation in Joplin.



Rep. Bill White, R-Joplin, pauses during cleanup to discuss his family's experience during the tornado.

The White family was celebrating his daughter's graduation at a local restaurant when the tornado hit.

Ways You Can Help:

For volunteer and donation opportunities, visit

www.rebuildjoplin.org

www.restorejoplin.com

www.redcross.org

www.americorps.gov

sema.dps.mo.gov/recover/donations.asp