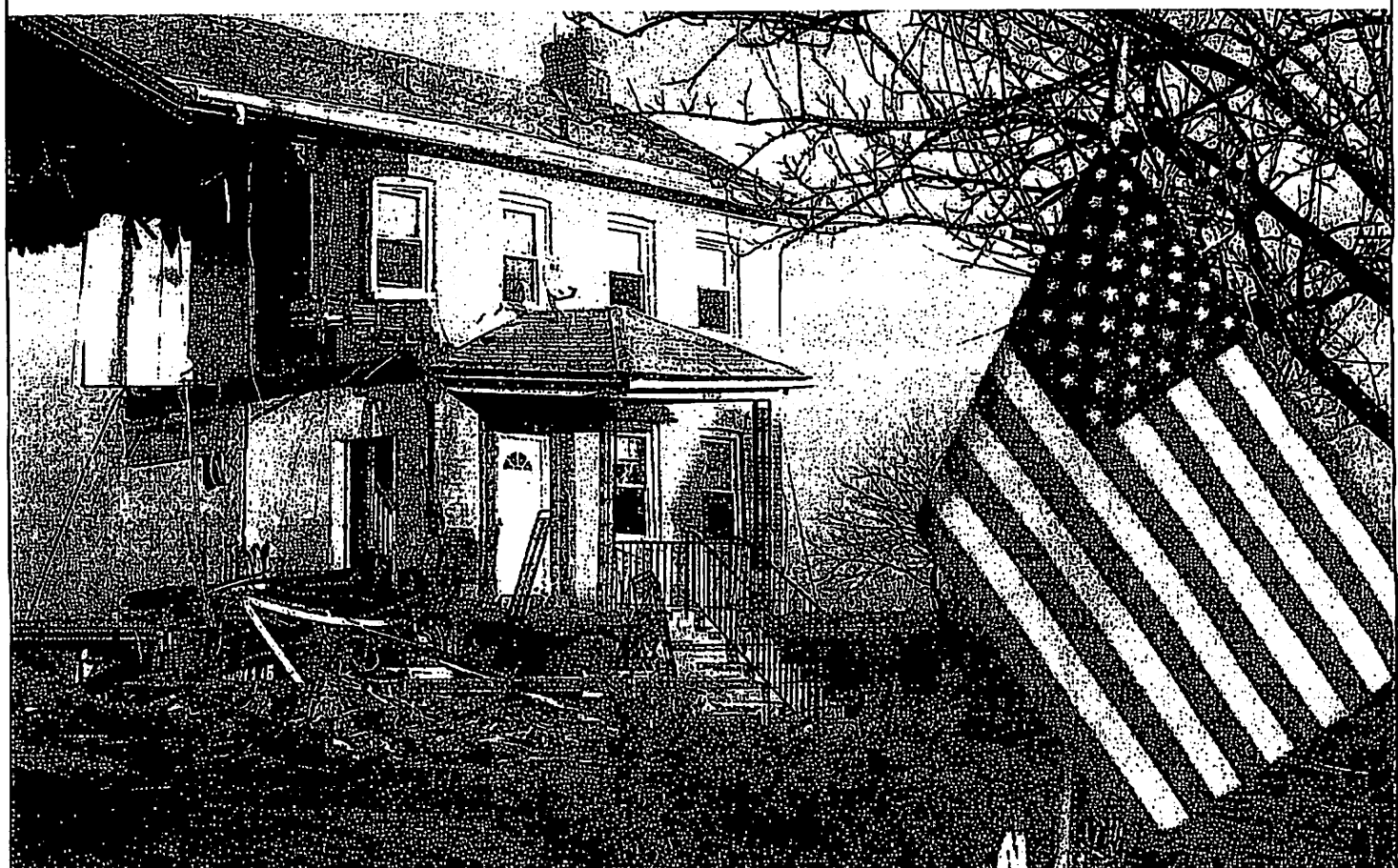


⁴ Florida Concrete Coalition Needs to be Involved

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IT'S HURRICANE SEASON AGAIN



WE NEED A NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION STRATEGY NOW

As hurricane season begins, it is important for lawmakers to consider legislation to make America more resilient to natural disasters. Weather experts are predicting there will be three to five hurricane events in 2014.

Since 1980, natural disasters have cost the United States more than \$1 trillion in economic losses with hurricanes being responsible for the vast majority of the costs.

The Build Strong Coalition urges lawmakers to support four bills to protect property, save lives and reduce the taxpayer costs of natural disasters.

The Safe Building Code Incentive Act of 2013 (H.R. 1878 & S.924) - Introduced by Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-25) and Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ), this bipartisan bill provides additional disaster relief assistance to states that adopt and enforce strong building codes.

The Disaster Savings Account Act (H.R. 3989 & S. 1991) - Introduced by Rep. Dennis Ross (R-FL-15), Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) and Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK), this bipartisan bill provides a \$5,000 tax deduction for money deposited into a savings account to offset disaster mitigation costs.

The Disaster Savings and Resilient Construction Act of 2013 (H.R. 2241) - Introduced by Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-25), this bill provides tax credits to homeowners and contractors who utilize modern building science when constructing and/or renovating homes and buildings.

The National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2013 (H.R. 1786) - Introduced by Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-TX-19), this bill authorizes funding for increased research into reducing the economic and human toll of windstorms.



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**MAKE AMERICA STRONGER
JOIN BUILDSTRONG TODAY.**

BuildStrong is a coalition of national business and consumer organizations, companies, and emergency management officials dedicated to promoting stronger building codes. The BuildStrong Coalition urges enactment of The Safe Building Code Incentive Act. This legislation would encourage states to adopt model building codes to protect property and ultimately save lives from the devastation of natural disasters.

Our coalition members include:

The American Institute of Architects
American Society of Civil Engineers
Allstate Insurance Company
American Insurance Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Congressional Fire Services Institute
Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers
Farmers Insurance Group of Companies
Federal Alliance for Safe Homes
Financial Services Roundtable
Firemen's Association of the State of New York
Florida Association of Counties
Florida Emergency Preparedness Association
The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety
Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America
International Code Council
International Association of Fire Chiefs
Liberty Mutual Insurance

MetLife
National Association of State Fire Marshals
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies
National Concrete Masonry Association
National Council of Structural Engineers Association
National Fire Protection Association
National Institute of Building Sciences
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Nationwide Insurance
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Simpson Strong-Tie Co
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