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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: By direction of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina, I submit herewith the committee’s report to the 109th Congress.

Tom Davis,
Chairman.
“Pandemonium did not reign. It poured.”

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS
American author and satirist

“Five frogs are sitting on a log. Four decide to jump off. How many are left? Answer: five. Why? Because there’s a difference between deciding and doing.”

MARK L. FELDMAN and MICHAEL F. SPRATT
American businessmen
*Five Frogs on a Log*

“Don’t find a fault. Find a remedy.”

HENRY FORD
American automobile manufacturer

“Hurricane Katrina was a force of Nature. What we’ve done after it is an Act of God.”

Banner hanging in Harrison County, MS, Emergency Operations Center

In-i-tia-tive, *n.*
The power or ability to begin or follow through energetically with a plan or task; enterprise and determination.
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