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For those who render aid in disaster's wake … or whose preparations strive to render disasters no more than nuisances.

To Sid Heal, friend, colleague and passionate servant of urban residents everywhere. You passed far too early.

And to my father, Colonel (US Army) Russell A. Glenn, whose works sought to ensure disaster never visited.

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