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Thousands jam the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston seeking shelter from the massive flooding and destruction in southeast Texas from Hurricane Harvey which became the heaviest tropical downpour in U.S. history Tuesday.

Epic Scale Disaster

Thousands seek shelter as water keeps rising

(AP) — As the human toll and the strain on flood defenses mounted, the city of Houston moved Tuesday to open two and possibly three more mega-shelters, and the rain from Harvey officially became the heaviest tropical

downpour in U.S. history.

Louisiana's governor offered to take in Harvey victims from Texas, and televangelist Joel Osteen opened his Houston megachurch, a 16,000-seat former arena, after critics blasted him on social media for not acting to help families displaced by the storm.

The city's largest shelter, the George R. Brown Convention Center, held more than 9,000 people, almost twice the number officials originally planned to house there, Mayor Sylvester Turner

said.

In all, more than 17,000 people have sought refuge in Texas shelters and that number seemed certain to increase, the American Red Cross said.

After the mayor's announcement, volunteers and donors lined up outside the Toyota Center, the downtown arena that is home to the Houston Rockets, in anticipation that it will be one of the new shelters.

The mayor said the city has asked the Federal Emergency Management

Agency for more supplies, including cots and food, for additional 10,000 people, which he hopes to get no later than Wednesday.

Almost four days after the storm ravaged the Texas coastline as a Category 4 hurricane, authorities had confirmed only four deaths — including a woman killed Monday when heavy rains dislodged a large oak tree onto her trailer

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