

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2002-4695, by Representatives Pearson, O'Brien, Rockefeller, Jackley, Benson, Cox, Sump, Campbell, Boldt, Crouse, Bush, Dunshee, Berkey, Barlean, Schoesler, Esser, Murray, Hatfield, Eickmeyer, Lovick, Edwards, Fromhold and Conway

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the United States of America was attacked by terrorists who hijacked four flights departing the east coast of the United States headed for destinations in California; and

WHEREAS, The hijackers crashed two of the airliners into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one airliner into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the fourth airliner crashed outside of Pittsburgh sparing even further human loss and destruction as a result of the brave acts of heroic passengers; and

WHEREAS, The vicious attacks resulted in the collapse of the two 110-story World Trade Center towers causing untold horror to civilians and mass destruction to the entire New York financial district; and

WHEREAS, At least 266 passengers, flight attendants, and pilots of the four hijacked planes perished in the attack and thousands more individuals, including workers, bystanders, and rescuers, lost their lives trapped in tons of rubble; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Americans have united in response to this tragedy by volunteering in the search and rescue effort, by donating blood, clothing, and other supplies to aid the victims, and by offering prayers and thoughts of hope and support; and

WHEREAS, Terrorism is a heinous and cowardly act against all humanity and must be eliminated as a threat to our democratic republic and to all reaches of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives condemn acts of terrorism in any capacity in any region of the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives applaud the selfless and heroic efforts with which so many Americans have aided the relief efforts in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives provide our full support to President Bush and Congress in whatever lawful means they pursue to identify and retaliate against those responsible for this tragic act of cowardliness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage our citizens to use September 11th of each year hereafter, as a day of remembrance of the victims of terrorism in the United States and throughout the world and of the precious liberties and way of life which we must defend for ourselves and our posterity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to representatives of law enforcement, fire fighters, and emergency aid workers.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
4695 Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 16, 2002.

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Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk