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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 11, 2017, as the 16th anniversary of the  
2 September 11, 2001, Al Qaeda attacks on our nation and  
3 honoring the sacrifices of the victims and first responders.

4 WHEREAS, The September 11, 2001, attacks were a series of  
5 four coordinated terrorist attacks masterminded by Osama bin  
6 Laden; and

7 WHEREAS, Al Qaeda terrorists hijacked planes to execute  
8 suicide attacks on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in  
9 New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, DC; and

10 WHEREAS, Terrorists attempted to attack another target on  
11 that fateful day but were unsuccessful: a third hijacked plane  
12 crashed into a field in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The heroic efforts of the passengers of United

1 Airlines Flight 93 who attempted to retake control of that plane  
2 averted further tragedy, most likely in Washington, DC; and

3 WHEREAS, The multiple tragedies stemming from the 9/11  
4 attacks have affected the lives of all Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, Almost 3,000 people died in the 9/11 attacks; and

6 WHEREAS, Their families, friends and coworkers have suffered  
7 the most from the cowardly acts of Al Qaeda militants; and

8 WHEREAS, First responders in New York City, Washington, DC,  
9 and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, sacrificed greatly to rescue and  
10 recover victims of the 9/11 attacks; and

11 WHEREAS, Many first responders lost their lives in the  
12 process; and

13 WHEREAS, Individuals from all walks of life have helped to  
14 rebuild at attack sites and have memorialized victims; and

15 WHEREAS, The men and women of our armed forces have fought  
16 bravely and tirelessly in the ensuing global war on terrorism;  
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
19 September 11, 2017, as the 16th anniversary of the September 11,  
20 2001, Al Qaeda attacks on our nation; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives remember the  
22 almost 3,000 victims of the 9/11 attacks and the countless  
23 others who have faced related personal tragedies; and be it  
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the  
26 sacrifices made by the first responders who risked their lives  
27 to rescue and recover victims of the 9/11 attacks and protect  
28 all Americans; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives venerate the  
30 brave servicepersons who have waged the global war on terrorism

1 and commend those who presently serve in support of that  
2 international military campaign; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
4 Pennsylvanians and Americans to recall and recapture the unity  
5 with which we overcame the many challenges and threats arising  
6 from the 9/11 attacks; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
8 Pennsylvanians and Americans to share the history of September  
9 11, 2001, with generations to come.