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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the acts of terrorism committed on September 11,  
2 2001, and honoring the heroism of the passengers of United  
3 Airlines Flight 93.

4 WHEREAS, On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, four commercial  
5 jetliners were hijacked in the skies over the United States in a  
6 cowardly and reprehensible act of terrorism; and

7 WHEREAS, One of those planes, United Airlines Flight 93,  
8 bound from Newark, New Jersey, to San Francisco, California,  
9 crashed near Shanksville, Somerset County, killing all 45  
10 passengers and crew; and

11 WHEREAS, The terrorism in the skies over Pennsylvania was met  
12 and ultimately defeated by the heroism of the passengers aboard  
13 United Airlines Flight 93, passengers who tried to regain  
14 control of their plane and ultimately ensured that it was not  
15 used as a weapon of greater destruction; and

1       WHEREAS, Those passengers risked and ultimately gave their  
2 lives to protect thousands of lives of their countrymen; and

3       WHEREAS, Residents of Somerset County and State and local  
4 emergency personnel responded to the crash quickly and with  
5 great compassion and professionalism; and

6       WHEREAS, State emergency personnel continue to work with  
7 Federal authorities to secure and investigate the crash scene;  
8 therefore be it

9       RESOLVED, That the Senate condemn the craven acts of  
10 terrorism that claimed the lives of thousands of innocent  
11 Americans on September 11, 2001; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That the Senate extend its deepest sympathy to the  
13 family and friends of those who perished aboard United Airlines  
14 Flight 93 and to the family and friends of all victims of the  
15 terrorist attack of September 11, 2001; and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the selfless heroism of those  
17 aboard United Airlines Flight 93 and grieve their passing; and  
18 be it further

19       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize that an attack against  
20 one American is an attack against all Americans and that we can  
21 and must join together as Americans to cope with our grief and  
22 defeat the scourge of terrorism throughout the world; and be it  
23 further

24       RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all Pennsylvanians and all  
25 Americans to work together to recover from our shared national  
26 tragedy, to pray together for those who have lost loved ones and  
27 to grow together as one nation and one people, indivisible; and  
28 be it further

29       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize that Americans have a  
30 broad range of ethnic and religious backgrounds and urge all

1 Americans, whatever their background, to join together in a  
2 spirit of tolerance and compassion as we confront our loss and  
3 build our future; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the Senate resolve, as President Abraham  
5 Lincoln said at Gettysburg nearly 138 years ago:

6           that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this  
7           nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom --  
8           and that government of the people, by the people, for the  
9           people, shall not perish from the earth.