
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 622 Session of
2010

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, METZGAR, BAKER, BARRAR, BEYER, BOBACK,
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SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SOLOBAY, STEVENSON, SWANGER,
TALLMAN, TRUE, TURZAI, VEREB AND VULAKOVICH, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the United States Department of Justice and United
2 States Attorney General Eric Holder to not hold the trials
3 for those individuals accused of being the masterminds behind
4 the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the citizens of
5 the United States of America in Pennsylvania.

6 WHEREAS, United States Attorney General Eric Holder announced
7 in November that the masterminds of the September 11, 2001,
8 terrorist attacks were to be tried in civilian court in New York
9 City; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the November announcement, the Obama
11 Administration has announced that alternative terror trial
12 locations are being considered; and

13 WHEREAS, The Federal Court in the Western District of
14 Pennsylvania has been mentioned as an alternative terror trial
15 location; and

16 WHEREAS, Shanksville, Pennsylvania, is located in Somerset

1 County, and Somerset County is in the jurisdiction of the
2 Western District of Pennsylvania; and

3 WHEREAS, Shanksville is the location of the crash of United
4 Airlines Flight 93, which occurred as a result of the September
5 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

6 WHEREAS, Innocent lives on Flight 93 were tragically lost
7 trying to valiantly save the countless lives of others; and

8 WHEREAS, The safety and security of Pennsylvania residents
9 must be considered; and

10 WHEREAS, The Western District of Pennsylvania is not equipped
11 to handle trials of this magnitude; and

12 WHEREAS, Costly upgrades to ensure the safety and security of
13 the citizens of Pennsylvania would need to occur; and

14 WHEREAS, Even though the Obama Administration has pledged
15 \$200 million, there is no indication that these funds will cover
16 all of the necessary expenses; and

17 WHEREAS, The trials should not be held in any location which
18 has a direct connection to the attacks perpetrated on that
19 fateful day or in any location which is not fully equipped to
20 handle the security necessitated by these trials; therefore be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the United States
24 Department of Justice and Attorney General Eric Holder to not
25 hold the trials for those individuals accused of being the
26 masterminds behind the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on
27 the citizens of the United States of America in Pennsylvania;
28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
30 Attorney General Eric Holder, United States Department of

1 Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001.