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MOURNING and acknowledging September 11, 2026, as
the 25th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001,
terrorist attacks on the United States

WHEREAS, September 11, 2026, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of
the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, one of the darkest days in
the history of the United States, when 2,977 innocent people were killed
in coordinated attacks against our Nation; and

WHEREAS, At 8:46 A.M. on September 11, 2026, our Nation will pause
to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of that tragic day, to mourn
those whose lives were taken, and to honor the extraordinary courage and
sacrifice demonstrated by countless first responders, public servants,
and ordinary citizens; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-five years later, the people of the United States
continue to remember September 11, 2001, with solemnity and reverence,
and remain united in the enduring promise that the lives lost that day
shall never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, Americans across
the Nation came together in an unprecedented spirit of unity,
compassion, and resolve, standing together against terrorism and
demonstrating the strength and resilience of the American people; and

WHEREAS, We honor the thousands of firefighters, police officers,
emergency medical personnel, and other first responders who courageously
rushed toward the World Trade Center as others fled, knowingly placing
their own lives in grave danger in an extraordinary effort to save
others; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 400 firefighters, police officers, emergency medical
personnel, and other first responders lost their lives on September 11,
2001, making the ultimate sacrifice in service to their fellow
Americans; and

WHEREAS, We honor the thousands of innocent men, women, and children
who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, including many who,
according to firsthand accounts, remained behind to assist and guide
others to safety rather than save themselves; and

WHEREAS, We honor the men and women who worked at the Pentagon and
those serving our Nation in the United States Department of Defense who
lost their lives in the terrorist attack upon our Nation's military
headquarters; and

WHEREAS, We honor the passengers and crew members aboard United
Airlines Flight 93, who, upon learning that their aircraft had been
hijacked and intended for use as a weapon against another target,
courageously resisted the terrorists, ultimately preventing the aircraft

from reaching its intended target and saving countless additional lives; and

WHEREAS, We honor the first responders, recovery workers, volunteers, and other brave individuals who worked for months at Ground Zero, searching through the immense rubble in the hope of finding survivors and recovering the remains of those who perished; and

WHEREAS, We mourn alongside the families, friends, colleagues, and loved ones of the 2,977 victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and we reaffirm that their loved ones, their sacrifices, and their stories remain forever in the hearts and memories of the American people; and

WHEREAS, One World Trade Center now stands as a powerful symbol of the resilience, determination, and enduring spirit of the American people, while Lower Manhattan, where the World Trade Center once stood, has emerged as a thriving and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, We remain eternally grateful to the valiant men and women of the United States Armed Forces, including those who have fallen, those who have been wounded, and those who continue to serve and combat terrorism around the world in defense of our Nation and its people; and

WHEREAS, The courage and sacrifice of those who responded to the attacks of September 11, 2001, and those who have served our Nation in the years since, represent the highest ideals of service, duty, courage, and patriotism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the twenty-fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body honor the memory of the 2,977 innocent people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and extend its deepest sympathy to their families, friends, and loved ones; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body recognize and honor the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of the firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, military personnel, recovery workers, volunteers, passengers, crew members, and civilians who responded to the attacks and worked to save lives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body express its enduring gratitude to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have served, sacrificed, and continue to serve in defense of the United States and in the fight against terrorism; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body solemnly reaffirms that the lives lost on September 11, 2001, shall never be forgotten and that the lessons of that day shall continue to inspire unity, courage, service, and vigilance.