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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE VICTIMS AND HEROES OF
2 SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

3 Whereas, on September 11, 2001, the nation and world reacted in horror as
4 two planes hijacked by terrorists crashed into the World Trade Center, a third into the
5 Pentagon, and a fourth into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

6 Whereas, hundreds of emergency service personnel, police officers,
7 firefighters, port authority personnel, clergy members, and ordinary citizens rushed to
8 the scenes of these horrific events without regard to their own safety to try to rescue,
9 aid, and comfort victims; and

10 Whereas, despite their heroic efforts, thousands of people died on September
11 11, 2001, including some of those who tried to assist the victims; and

12 Whereas, in addition to Americans who were killed that day, people from
13 more than 30 different countries also lost their lives in the World Trade Center, thereby
14 making the attack on our country an international tragedy; and

15 Whereas, three North Carolinians lost their lives during this tragedy: Sandra
16 W. Bradshaw of Greensboro, a flight attendant aboard United Airlines Flight 93, which
17 crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and Lieutenant Commander Eric Allen Cranford
18 of Drexel and Electronics Technician Third Class Petty Officer Christopher Lee Burford
19 of Hubert, both members of the United States Navy stationed at the Pentagon; and

20 Whereas, almost immediately after the attack on America, citizens,
21 businesses, and people from around the world who were moved by the horrific events of
22 the day began to make donations to the Red Cross and other charitable organizations to
23 support the surviving victims and their families; and

24 Whereas, the nation stood firm against the cowardly acts of terrorism
25 perpetuated against us and bravely hung flags from their homes, businesses, and
26 automobiles to show the world that America would not be defeated; and

27 Whereas, the events of 9/11 not only impacted families but also had a
28 devastating impact on the economy of New York City, the airline industry, and the
29 entire country; and

1 Whereas, in response to the acts of terrorism, the United States and its allies
2 declared a war on terrorism, and in October 2001 launched an attack on the Taliban
3 government in Afghanistan and the al Qaeda organization to whom the Afghanistan
4 government had given shelter within its borders; and

5 Whereas, many Americans, mostly military, have lost their lives in this war
6 as they fought to defend the freedom of the people of this nation and the world; and

7 Whereas, on the anniversary of the attack on America, it is important to pay
8 tribute to those who lost their lives and to express sympathy to their families; and

9 Whereas, it is also important to pay homage to the heroes of 9/11, including
10 the men and women aboard United Airlines Flight 93, and the firefighters, law
11 enforcement officers, emergency service personnel, volunteers, and others who
12 selflessly gave of their time, resources, strength, and courage; Now, therefore,
13 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

14 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to those
15 who lost loved ones as a result of the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, including
16 the families of three North Carolinians: Sandra W. Bradshaw of Greensboro, Lt.
17 Commander Eric Allen Cranford of Drexel, and Christopher Lee Burford of Hubert.

18 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly wishes to commend the heroes who
19 showed remarkable courage and bravery on 9/11 and in the many months that followed.

20 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly urges Congress to consider making
21 September 11 a national holiday.

22 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
23 resolution to each member of North Carolina's congressional delegation.

24 **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.