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SENATE RESOLUTION 1105
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Sponsors: Senators Basnight; Albertson, Allran, Ballance, Ballantine, Berger, Bingham, Carpenter, Carrington, Carter, Clodfelter, Cunningham, Dalton, Dannelly, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Garwood, Gulley, Hagan, Harris, Hartsell, Horton, Hoyle, Jordan, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Martin of Pitt, Metcalf, Miller, Moore, Odom, Plyler, Purcell, Rand, Reeves, Robinson, Rucho, Shaw of Cumberland, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Swindell, Thomas, Warren, Webster, Weinstein, and Wellon.

Referred to:

September 18, 2001

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THOSE AMERICANS WHO DIED AS A
2 RESULT OF THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND EXPRESSING
3 SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT IN HIS EFFORTS TO BRING THESE
4 SPONSORS OF TERRORISM TO JUSTICE.

5 Whereas, on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian,
6 commercial airplanes and killed and injured thousands of innocent people by crashing
7 two of the airplanes into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a
8 third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and a fourth into the countryside of
9 rural Pennsylvania; and

10 Whereas, the victims of those acts of unspeakable cruelty and barbarous
11 terrorism include the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, persons working in and
12 visiting the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, bystanders, and the heroic rescue
13 workers who selflessly rushed to their aid; and

14 Whereas, the victims of this tragedy included not only American citizens but
15 hundreds of innocent citizens of other countries; and

16 Whereas, thousands of victims remain missing, leaving their families in
17 agonizing uncertainty as they cling to the hope that their loved ones may yet be rescued;
18 and

19 Whereas, these attacks destroyed both towers of the World Trade Center as
20 well as adjacent buildings, seriously damaged the Pentagon, and caused extensive
21 additional property and economic damage; and

22 Whereas, these attacks were the deadliest and most extensive terrorist attacks
23 ever launched against the United States of America; and

1 Whereas, as a result of these attacks, countries around the world share a sense
2 of profound loss and unfathomable grief; and

3 Whereas, the entire nation responded to these attacks with a resolve to protect
4 our democratic ideals, preserve life, assist one another, and support our nation; and

5 Whereas, hundreds of rescue workers, including firefighters, police officers,
6 emergency personnel, clergy, and other volunteers, have demonstrated and are
7 demonstrating great character, courage, and selflessness during this time of national
8 tragedy by risking and, in many cases, giving their lives to try to save the lives of
9 others; and

10 Whereas, the passengers of one of the doomed aircraft gave the nation and
11 world a vision of valor and strength by thwarting the efforts of the hijackers to use the
12 airplane as a missile to murder others on the ground; and

13 Whereas, many other victims both in the air and on the ground showed
14 tremendous strength and fortitude in reaching out to their loved ones in their final
15 minutes of life; and

16 Whereas, the events of September 11, 2001, have united our country with a
17 stronger bond than we have had for decades, a bond which is evident in the services of
18 prayer, the candlelight vigils, and the American flags displayed with pride and
19 patriotism; a bond that transcends religious and political affiliations; and

20 Whereas, the nation has demonstrated to the entire world the strength,
21 courage, dignity, honor, and compassion that flourish in the United States; and

22 Whereas, thousands of grieving and proud Americans have reached out and
23 given of themselves to help the victims of the tragedy and have given their lives, their
24 blood, their money, and their prayers, thereby showing the world the best face of
25 America, a face of courage and compassion; and

26 Whereas, the citizens of the United States are rushing to lend their efforts,
27 their resources, and their voices to the nation in ways large and small; Now, therefore,
28 Be it resolved by the Senate:

29 **SECTION 1.** The Senate of North Carolina:

- 30 (1) Honors and extends its deepest sympathy to the victims of the attacks
31 against the United States of America on September 11, 2001, as well
32 as to their families and loved ones;
- 33 (2) Extends its deepest sympathy to those countries who lost citizens of
34 their own in this terrible tragedy, and especially to the families of these
35 victims;
- 36 (3) Condemns those responsible for the heinous and barbaric acts
37 committed on September 11, 2001, as well as all terrorists who engage
38 in evil and heinous acts against innocent people;
- 39 (4) Supports the continuing rescue efforts, acts of charity, and
40 demonstrations of national unity by the American citizens;
- 41 (5) Commits to the process of recovering and rebuilding New York City,
42 the Pentagon, and the confidence and security of our nation as a whole;

- 1 (6) Commends the heroic and selfless actions of the rescue workers,
2 volunteers, clergy, and government officials who responded to these
3 tragic events with courage, compassion, and skill;
- 4 (7) Applauds all the citizens of the United States who have joined
5 together, prayed, and given of themselves to show the world that the
6 spirit of our nation will not be destroyed by those who commit evil and
7 senseless acts of violence;
- 8 (8) Thanks those foreign leaders and individuals who have expressed
9 solidarity with the United States in the aftermath of the attacks and
10 asks them to continue to stand with the United States in our struggle
11 against terrorism;
- 12 (9) Supports the President, Congress, and all of our nation's leaders in
13 their efforts to bring to justice and punish the perpetrators of these
14 attacks as well as their sponsors;
- 15 (10) Thanks and honors the men and women of our Armed Forces and
16 Armed Forces Reserves who have risked their lives to defend our
17 rights, liberties, and way of life in America, both in the past and now
18 in this time of crisis; and
- 19 (11) Thanks the leaders of our State and our State's law enforcement
20 agencies for ensuring the safety of the citizens of North Carolina and
21 applauds all the people of our State for their support of and
22 contributions to the rescue and recovery efforts.

23 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a certified
24 copy of this resolution to the President of the United States.

25 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.