

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5049

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Congress to designate September 11 as a day of remembrance.

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, this nation was attacked by Muslim terrorists dedicated to giving their lives to do evil upon America. Fanatical Muslim organizations have spent years fomenting their hatred of America. Years of planning, financing of these endeavors and selection and training of willing martyrs were necessary before this plot could be carried into execution. On the selected day, four airliners were commandeered. Two were crashed into the twin World Trade Center buildings in New York City. A third was crashed into the Department of Defense Pentagon building near Washington, D.C. The fourth airliner was headed for an unknown destination but was crashed into the Pennsylvania countryside through the heroic actions of the passengers on the flight; and

WHEREAS, The resulting damage caused both of the World Trade Center buildings to collapse and the Pentagon to be severely damaged on one side. Several thousand innocent Americans lost their lives because of these barbaric attacks. Almost immediately after the attacks, and before calls for assistance could be made, firefighters, policemen and emergency medical personnel made their way to the crash sites to lend assistance. Unfortunately, in New York City, the World Trade Center buildings did not collapse when hit but did a few hours later when the intense heat of tons of burning jet fuel weakened the steel structure of these buildings. This later collapse caused hundreds of rescue personnel to be killed in the rubble of these buildings; and

WHEREAS, The response of the American people, and its government, has been an outpouring of sympathy and assistance to those who lost loved ones in this tragedy and a singular determination to punish those responsible for these dastardly deeds; and

WHEREAS, The innocence of America was taken from us and the world became a different place because of the events of September 11, 2001: Now, therefore,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
2 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we memorialize the Congress of
3 these United States to establish September 11 as a national day of re-
4 membrance; and

5 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State provide enrolled
6 copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the
7 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member
8 of the Kansas congressional delegation.
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