

House Resolution

No. 21

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House Resolution No. 21—Relative to September 11, 2001.

- 1 WHEREAS, At 8:46 a.m. on September 11th of this year, the
2 nation will commemorate the 10th anniversary of America's
3 darkest day and in doing so, will honor the heroes and the casualties
4 of the most shocking, barbaric, and catastrophic act of inhumanity
5 in modern history; and
6 WHEREAS, This 10th anniversary gathering will serve to recall
7 the uniting of the world's cultures and nationalities in
8 condemnation of terrorism, and the great outpouring of charity
9 and compassion that followed in the aftermath of the attacks on

1 the World Trade Center, demonstrating once again, the victory of
2 the human spirit over depravity, savagery, and cowardice; and

3 WHEREAS, Ten years ago, on September 11, 2001, terrorists
4 hijacked four separate flights, carrying 266 people, all bound for
5 California; and

6 WHEREAS, All four flights crashed with no survivors, and
7 almost 3,000 men, women, and children who were citizens of more
8 than 70 countries were killed at the World Trade Center, the
9 Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, These acts of terrorism caused the destruction of
11 the two prominent World Trade Center towers, nearby buildings,
12 a portion of the Pentagon building, and four airline jets, and the
13 loss of innocent American lives and countless injuries to many
14 others; and

15 WHEREAS, Californians join the American public in pouring
16 out their hearts in grief and sympathy for the family and friends
17 of those who perished or suffered injuries in the attacks; and

18 WHEREAS, The Assembly salutes and remembers the hundreds
19 of heroic men and women of the police and fire departments, the
20 paramedics, and the medical personnel who put their personal
21 safety at risk and lost their lives or were seriously injured at the
22 disaster sites in their courageous efforts to protect and serve their
23 fellow citizens; and

24 WHEREAS, The Assembly recognizes the support and acts of
25 service performed by Californians, including sending letters,
26 signing banners, donating blood, contributing money, offering
27 food, providing supplies, and grieving as a diverse, yet united,
28 nation; and

29 WHEREAS, We are eternally grateful to the valiant men and
30 women of our Armed Forces, those who have fallen, those who
31 have been wounded, and those who continue to combat terrorism
32 in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world; and

33 WHEREAS, It is fitting at this point in history for all Americans
34 to remind themselves that the United States is a nation of healing,
35 hope, and resilience; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
37 Assembly acknowledges the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist
38 attacks of September 11, 2001; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Assembly continues to recognize September
40 11 of each year as a Day of Remembrance and Service, and calls

1 upon all Californians to participate in appropriate observances to
2 remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of
3 September 11, 2001, as a symbol of our love for them, their
4 families, and our own communities, cities, and nation; and be it
5 further

6 *Resolved*, That the Assembly encourages freedom-loving
7 Californians to honor the memory of those who died by observing
8 September 11 with an act of service for fellow Californians,
9 whether that act is donating blood, visiting a nursing or veterans'
10 home, volunteering at a children's hospital, mentoring
11 neighborhood students, donating clothes to a homeless shelter, or
12 some other act of giving; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Assembly acknowledges that California, firm
14 in purpose and direct in its response, will thereby help its neighbors
15 in time of need, work together for peace, and safeguard our legacy
16 of freedom; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
18 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.