Joint Resolution

CONDEMNING the ruthless acts of terrorism committed at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and upon the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, American Flight 11, American Flight 77 and United Flight 175, and mourning the tragic loss of life and injury to innocent Americans


WHEREAS, The very principles of American freedom, and the safety and security of every American at home and abroad, have been attacked by the unspeakable atrocities committed on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, All Americans and supporters of freedom around the world will forever remember the events of September 11, 2001 and the mark they have made on our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, The members of all branches of New York State government -- the Legislature, the Executive, and the Judiciary -- are united in condemning and denouncing
the ruthless acts of terrorism committed at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and upon the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93, American Airlines Flight 11, American Airlines Flight 77 and United Airlines Flight 175; and

WHEREAS, These acts of terrorism and murder took the lives of uncounted individuals, including heroic members of Fire and Police departments, and employees of the State of New York and employees of private businesses; and

WHEREAS, Many more individuals have been left physically and emotionally wounded by these events; and

WHEREAS, The unfolding personal and national tragedy led to an outpouring of selfless personal heroism by numerous firefighters, police officers, rescue personnel and other individuals, thus demonstrating the compassion, spirit and love of freedom in the heart of every New Yorker and every American; and

WHEREAS, We, as proud citizens of the United States of America and the State of New York, renew our commitment to defend our hard-fought freedoms wherever and whenever they are threatened, and to stand united against any and all acts of aggression against liberty; and

WHEREAS, We, as the elected representatives of the State of New York, the Gateway to Freedom, which has welcomed millions of people who have sought the promise of Freedom on American soil, offer our deepest condolences and prayers to the families and loved ones of those who are missing or have been killed or injured, and pledge our heartfelt support throughout this time of grief and uncertainty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body declare its condemnation of the deplorable and evil terrorist acts committed upon our State and Nation as a whole on September 11, 2001; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we profoundly thank all those who courageously responded to these tragedies and offered their help in the face of danger; and be it further

RESOLVED, Fear will not prevail in the United States of America; those who would attempt to destroy our most sacred ideals and threaten the peace of our State and Nation will be found and brought to justice.

ADOPTED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE ON September 13, 2001