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**SENATE RESOLUTION 1105
Adopted 9/18/01**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. The Senate of North Carolina:

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

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

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

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.