

CHAPTER 220

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5017

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION designating the Anthony 9/11 memorial as the official Kansas "9/11 memorial" for 2005 and 2006.

WHEREAS, The 2,300 people of Anthony (located 60 miles southwest of Wichita) were moved by the tragedy of September 11, 2001, to express both their grief and the resounding spirit of Americans and Kansans following the events of that date; and

WHEREAS, The people of Anthony resolved to express their emotions in the very personal act of adopting, and providing support and comfort to the widow and four children (ages 6 months to 6 years) of New York Fire Department firefighter Joe Spor, Jr., who was killed in the collapse of the twin towers; and

WHEREAS, The people of Anthony also adopted Joe Spor's Bronx fire station; and

WHEREAS, The people of Anthony, knowing the loss of a husband, father and friend is not soon relieved or easily borne, committed to providing ongoing comfort and support to the Spor family and the firefighters of the Bronx fire station, and did so through daily communication and the purposeful building of a bond of connection and friendship; and

WHEREAS, The people of Anthony chose to further express their emotions and to safeguard the memory of those lost lives and heroes of 9/11, as well as those in uniform today, by erecting a memorial in Anthony; and

WHEREAS, That memorial, built of Kansas limestone and brick, is unique and moving in its incorporation of three steel beams from the remains of the World Trade Center, a block of limestone from the face of the damaged Pentagon building and soil from the Pennsylvania crash site of Flight 93; and

WHEREAS, The memorial located in Anthony is being funded entirely through personal and private giving; and

WHEREAS, The Anthony memorial has attracted national attention and has been visited by individuals from across the United States, and several foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, The Anthony memorial serves as a place of connection between the survivors of the 9/11 tragedy and all those who support them, and a place of connection between all those who have committed to never forgetting the sacrifice of those who died: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Anthony structure erected in memory of the September 11, 2001, tragedy is hereby designated as the official Kansas 9/11 memorial for 2005 and 2006.

Adopted by the House March 25, 2005.

Adopted by the Senate April 1, 2005.
