

SENATE RESOLUTION No.1866

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001.

WHEREAS, The people of Kansas were deeply moved and affected by the terroristic tragedy of September 11, 2001, and on their behalf the Kansas Senate wishes to commemorate a decade of remorse, remembrance, resilience and resounding spirit; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001 was a catastrophe that few Kansans will ever forget. There remains a deep sense of mourning throughout the Nation when, on that date, commercial aircrafts were hijacked and intentionally crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in northern Virginia and prematurely into the Pennsylvania countryside. We all remember our Nation collectively pausing while firefighters and police officers valiantly attempted to save the victims of the attack; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 Americans died as a result of the September 11, 2001 attack. Their faces, their images and their stories are woven into our national conscience and seared upon our national resolve. This number includes firefighter Joe Spor, Jr., who was killed in the collapse of the Twin Towers. His widow and children were adopted by the City of Anthony, Kansas. The city's residents gave them support and comfort; and

WHEREAS, Even amid suffering and death, Kansans stood in solidarity after this dramatic attack on American soil and erected a memorial. The official Kansas 9/11 Memorial, built of Kansas limestone and brick, is located in Anthony, Kansas. This monument to our state and national resolve serves as a place of connection between the survivors of the September 11th tragedy and all of us who support them; and

WHEREAS, Kansans responded as well to the human tragedy even as grief reverberated throughout the Nation. The Kansas National Guard served in the national disaster efforts and in the airports; and

WHEREAS, Kansas has remained committed to America's war against terrorism and intends to stop terrorism on our shores and abroad. Specifically, we have supported our family and friends who serve in the Kansas National Guard as well as our active duty troops who call Kansas home. We submit honor to and we genuinely thank our Guard members who have served in over 10,000 deployments overseas, especially since September 11, 2001. Moreover, we will always remember the sacrifices made by more than 10 Kansas soldiers who have died and dozens of Kansans who have been wounded in Afghanistan and in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Following September 11, 2001, Kansas rejuvenated its national spirit and has worked harder to build even stronger connectional bonds with the rest of the Nation. A decade after this tragedy, Kansas continues to send our men and women to fight against acts of terrorism that imperil not only our people, but our very way of life as other people in other countries yearn for the freedom borne of democracy: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and we express our strong desire for a unified and harmonious Nation; and

*Be it further resolved:* That Kansas recommits on this solemn anniversary to never forget this day of all American patriots, and to insure that the remembrances and that the lessons of September 11, 2001 are imparted to succeeding generations of Kansans as integral to our national security and to our national spirit; and

*Be it further resolved:* That despite the capture and eradication of top al-Qaeda masterminds and operatives, Kansans remain committed and resolved in successfully ending the war against terror; and

*Be it finally resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States of America, the Governor of the State of New York, the President of the New York Senate and Senators Haley, Morris, Emler and Hensley. Copies shall also be distributed to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation for solemn and appropriate dissemination to survivors.

Senate Resolution No. 1866 was sponsored by Senators Haley, Morris, Emler, Hensley, Apple, Abrams, Bruce, Brungardt, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Holland, Huntington, Kelly, Kelsey, King, Kultala, Longbine, Love, Lynn, Marshall, McGinn, Merrick, Olson, Ostmeyer, Owens, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Reitz, A. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil and Wagle.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*