

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On the morning of September 11, 2001, 19 terrorists  
2 hijacked four civilian airplanes in the skies over the United  
3 States; the worst terror attack on the American people in the  
4 country's history proceeded to unfold on that horrific day; in a  
5 coordinated attack, the hijackers intentionally flew two of the  
6 planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and a third  
7 into the Pentagon; and

8           WHEREAS, Learning about the other hijackings, passengers and  
9 crew members on the fourth plane, Flight 93, launched a  
10 counterattack, spurring the hijacker pilot to crash the plane into  
11 a field in Pennsylvania; nearly 3,000 people were killed in the  
12 different locations, the single largest loss of life resulting from  
13 a foreign attack on American soil; and

14           WHEREAS, While September 11 will forever be remembered as a  
15 day of tragedy and loss, we also remember the selfless  
16 determination of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other  
17 rescue workers who charged into danger that morning and in the days  
18 after; these first responders continued to show up and search for  
19 survivors and remains in the days and weeks after the attacks, and  
20 many of these heroes lost their lives assisting the people who were  
21 trapped and injured; and

22           WHEREAS, United in grief, Americans helped in every way  
23 possible; we gave blood and said prayers, with some even  
24 volunteering to help in the rescue and recovery efforts at the World

1 Trade Center, Pentagon, and Flight 93 sites; we performed acts of  
2 charity and comforted each other, and we stood united as a nation;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In December 2001, the U.S. Congress passed a joint  
5 resolution designating September 11 of each year as Patriot Day; on  
6 that solemn anniversary, we lower our flags and bow our heads for a  
7 moment of silence; this day reminds us that our nation is still  
8 working to effectively combat terrorism that threatens the United  
9 States of America, while remembering the brave souls who have lost  
10 their lives in the process; and

11 WHEREAS, Patriot Day is a tribute to the innocent and those  
12 who died trying to rescue them; it is also a pledge to carry on their  
13 legacies and remain steadfast in our commitment to our country, our  
14 neighbors, and our character; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby commemorate Patriot Day 2023 on the 22nd  
17 anniversary of these attacks and honor with our memories and our  
18 actions those who were injured and those who died in the  
19 September 11 attacks.

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Speaker of the House

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