

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the United States of  
3 America was attacked by terrorists who hijacked four flights  
4 departing the east coast of the United States headed for  
5 destinations in California; and

6 WHEREAS, The hijackers crashed two of the airliners into  
7 the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City,  
8 one airliner into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the  
9 fourth airliner crashed outside of Pittsburgh; and

10 WHEREAS, The vicious attacks resulted in the collapse of  
11 the two 110-story World Trade Center towers causing mass  
12 destruction to the entire New York financial district; and

13 WHEREAS, At least 266 passengers, flight attendants and  
14 pilots of the four hijacked planes perished in the attack and  
15 countless more individuals, including workers, bystanders,  
16 and rescuers lost their lives trapped in tons of rubble; and

17 WHEREAS, Thousands of Americans have united in response  
18 to this tragedy by volunteering in the search and rescue  
19 effort, by donating blood, clothing and other supplies to aid  
20 the victims, and by offering prayers and thoughts of hope and  
21 support; and

22 WHEREAS, Terrorism is a heinous and cowardly act against  
23 all humanity and must be eliminated as a threat to our  
24 democratic state and to all reaches of the world; therefore,  
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
28 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we condemn acts of terrorism  
29 in any capacity in any region of the world; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That we applaud the selfless and heroic efforts

1 with which so many Americans have aided the relief efforts in  
2 New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and be it  
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That we provide our full support to President  
5 Bush and Congress in whatever manner they pursue to identify  
6 and retaliate against those responsible for this tragic act  
7 of cowardliness; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to establish September  
9 11, of each year hereafter, as a national day of mourning in  
10 remembrance of victims of terrorism in the United States and  
11 throughout the world; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 delivered to the President of the United States, the  
14 President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the  
15 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to  
16 each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.