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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Condemnation of the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001**

3 FOR the purpose of condemning the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11,
4 2001.

5 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the hearts of all Americans were pierced by
6 an act of foreign aggression that will forever be remembered as a second day of infamy
7 in the history of our beloved Nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The wanton, premeditated, and diabolical acts by terrorist fanatics,
9 resulting in the unspeakable carnage of thousands of innocent men, women, and
10 children of all races, religions, creeds, and nationalities, revealed to the world the
11 devastating horror of absolute evil; and

12 WHEREAS, The physical destruction rendered by the despicable tyrants of
13 terror on two of America's most inimitable cherished communities - New York City
14 and Washington, D.C., the Nation's capital - will forever remain vivid in the
15 American memory as a painful price exacted for the openness and freedom of
16 American society and the trust America extends to all brothers and sisters who enter
17 its communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Following the initial catastrophic impacts on the World Trade
19 Center and the Pentagon, public servants unflinchingly came to the rescue of their
20 fellow citizens, and private citizens from near and far rushed to become "public
21 servants" in the name of democracy; and

22 WHEREAS, Emerging from the crucible wrought by the terrorist hatred that
23 struck America's shores on September 11, 2001, the people of Maryland, and the
24 entire United States have, in fact, formed a more perfect union that stands as a
25 beacon for all who cherish the hopes and promises of democracy; now, therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the State
27 of Maryland reaffirms its absolute condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and
28 manifestations, regardless of its perpetrators or their motives; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the State of Maryland expresses its anguish for the victims of
2 the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11th, 2001, and for all victims
3 of terrorism; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the State of Maryland reaffirms the freedoms provided by the
5 First Amendment that embody the spirit of the people of this Nation: freedom of
6 speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and freedom to associate; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
9 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
10 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
11 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
14 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
15 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
16 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,
17 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and
18 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
21 Legislative Services to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, 1600
22 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20500.