

Patriot Day – Flags at Half-Staff

Whereas on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian

aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade

Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside

Washington, D.C.;

Whereas the fourth hijacked aircraft crashed in southwestern Pennsylvania after passengers tried to take control of the aircraft

in order to prevent the hijackers from crashing the aircraft into an

important symbol of democracy and freedom;

Whereas these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever

launched against the United States, killing thousands of innocent

people; and

Whereas in the aftermath of the attacks the people of the United States

stood united in providing support for those in need: Now, therefore,

be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United

States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER 11 AS PATRIOT DAY.

Chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at

the end the following new section:

``Sec. 144. Patriot Day

``(a) Designation.--September 11 is Patriot Day.

``(b) Proclamation.--The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on--

``(1) State and local governments and the people of the

United States to observe Patriot Day with appropriate programs

and activities;

``(2) **all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of**

the United States and interested organizations and individuals

to display the flag of the United States at halfstaff on Patriot

Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result

of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred

on September 11, 2001; and

``(3) the people of the United States to observe a moment of

silence on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost

their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the

United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.''.