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Observing the Twentieth Anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

WHEREAS, September 11, 2021 marks the Twentieth Anniversary of the tragic attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon which took the lives of thousands of Americans; and

WHEREAS, During the chaos that ensued, first responders and everyday citizens from all walks of life joined together in selfless acts of sacrifice and humanity to save an inestimable number of lives; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters, police, and EMTs heroically ran headfirst into the danger despite the uncertain nature of the attacks. The impact of their bravery is incalculable, and we appreciate the sacrifices they made to help others in a time of great need; and

WHEREAS, Many employees working in the World Trade Center risked their lives to help coworkers and fellow citizens trapped in the building, rapidly adapting to the dangerous environment. Their courage was lifesaving; it deserves to be honored and recognized; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the devastating scenes in New York and Washington D.C., courageous passengers aboard the hijacked United Flight 93 carried out a successful resistance which forced the plane to crash in a rural field in western Pennsylvania. The fatal crash resulted in the tragic loss of all passengers, but prevented what many suspect to be an attempted attack on the White House or the United States Capital Building; and

WHEREAS, The bravery of so many individuals on September 11, 2001, and their displays of selflessness, are not to be forgotten. On the twentieth anniversary of these attacks, it is crucial that we look back and pay our respects to those that risked and sacrificed their lives for others; and

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby observes the Twentieth Anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.