

House Resolution No. 6010

By Representatives Hoffman and Wetta

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1 A RESOLUTION designating the Anthony 9/11 memorial as the official
2 Kansas 9/11 memorial.

3 *WHEREAS*, The 2,300 people of Anthony, Kansas were moved by the
4 tragedy of September 11, 2001, to express both their grief and the
5 resounding spirit of Americans and Kansans following the events of that
6 date; and

7 *WHEREAS*, The people of Anthony resolved to express their emotions
8 in the very personal act of adopting, and providing support and comfort to
9 the widow and four children of New York Fire Department firefighter Joe
10 Spor, Jr., who was killed in the collapse of the twin towers; and

11 *WHEREAS*, The people of Anthony also adopted Joe Spor's Bronx fire
12 station;

13 *WHEREAS*, The people of Anthony, knowing the loss of a husband,
14 father and friend is not soon relieved or easily borne, committed to
15 providing ongoing comfort and support to the Spor family and the
16 firefighters of the Bronx fire station, and did so through daily
17 communication and purposeful building of a bond of connection and
18 friendship; and

19 *WHEREAS*, The people of Anthony chose to further express their
20 emotions and to safeguard the memory of those lost lives and heroes of
21 9/11, as well as those in uniform today, by erecting a memorial in
22 Anthony; and

23 *WHEREAS*, That memorial, built of Kansas limestone and brick, is
24 unique and moving in its incorporation of three steel beams from the
25 remains of the World Trade Center, a block of limestone from the face of
26 the damaged Pentagon building and soil from the Pennsylvania crash site
27 of Flight 93; and

28 *WHEREAS*, The memorial located in Anthony is being funded entirely
29 through personal and private giving; and

30 *WHEREAS*, The Anthony memorial has attracted national attention
31 and has been visited by individuals from across the United States, and
32 several foreign countries; and

33 *WHEREAS*, The Anthony memorial serves as a place of connection
34 between the survivors of the 9/11 tragedy and all those who support them,
35 and a place of connection between all those who have committed to never
36 forgetting the sacrifice of those who died: Now, therefore,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of*
2 *Kansas:* That the Anthony structure erected in memory of the September
3 11, 2001 tragedy is hereby designated as the official Kansas 9/11
4 memorial.

5 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives be directed to provide enrolled copies of this resolution
7 to Representatives Hoffman and Wetta.

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