

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. CON. RES. 87

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas American Airlines Flight 587 en route from John F. Kennedy Airport in Queens County, New York to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic crashed on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens County, New York on November 12, 2001;

Whereas the crash resulted in the tragic loss of life by an estimated at 266 persons, including passengers, crew members, and people on the ground;

Whereas New York City has strong cultural, familial, and historic ties to the Dominican Republic;

Whereas many of the passengers were of Dominican origin residing in the Washington Heights community, a vibrant neighborhood that is an integral part of our national cultural mosaic;

Whereas the Rockaway community has already suffered greatly as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001, as the Rockaway community has long been home to one of the highest concentrations of the firefighters of New York City, many of whom lost their lives responding to those attacks on the World Trade Center;

Whereas many Rockaway residents, ignoring the risks of being harmed by fire or other hazards at the site of the plane crash, rushed to the site in an effort to help;

Whereas the people of Rockaway have served as an inspiration through their resilience in the face of adversity and their faith in and practice of community; and

Whereas the professional emergency personnel of New York on the ground at the crash site performed emergency services valiantly, thereby limiting the devastation of this tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),*

**1 SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 The Congress—

3 (1) sends its heartfelt condolences to the fami-  
4 lies, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the  
5 crash of American Airlines Flight 587 on November  
6 12, 2001;

7 (2) sends its sympathies to the people of the  
8 Dominican Republic and to the Dominican commu-  
9 nity in the City of New York who have been so trag-  
10 ically affected by the loss of loved ones aboard that  
11 flight;

12 (3) sends its sympathies to the people of the  
13 Rockaway community who have suffered immense  
14 personal loss as a combined result of the crash on

1 November 12, 2001, and the terrorist attacks on the  
2 World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; and

3 (4) commends the heroic actions of the rescue  
4 workers, volunteers, and State and local officials of  
5 New York who responded to these tragic events with  
6 courage, determination, and skill.

7 **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF THE ENROLLED RESOLUTION.**

8 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an en-  
9 rolled copy of this resolution to the President of the Do-  
10 minican Republic and to the Mayor of New York City.

Passed the Senate December 10, 2001.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the  
crash of American Airlines Flight 587.