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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted the following
concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

4 The Congress—

5 (1) sends its heartfelt condolences to the fami-
6 lies, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the
7 crash of American Airlines Flight 587 on November
8 12, 2001;

9 (2) sends its sympathies to the people of the
10 Dominican Republic and to the Dominican commu-

1 nity in the City of New York who have been so trag-
2 ically affected by the loss of loved ones aboard that
3 flight;

4 (3) sends its sympathies to the people of the
5 Rockaway community who have suffered immense
6 personal loss as a combined result of the crash on
7 November 12, 2001, and the terrorist attacks on the
8 World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; and

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

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

14 The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled
15 copy of this resolution to the President of the Dominican
16 Republic and to the Mayor of New York City.

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