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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO PROMOTE AMERICAN PATRIOTISM AND THE
10 REMEMBRANCE OF AMERICAN HEROES WITH A
11 TRANSPORTABLE AMERICAN MONUMENT KNOWN AS THE
12 PATRIOT'S DAY FLAG.
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14 **Subtitle**

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21 WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four commercial
22 aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in
23 New York City, another into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and
24 another into a field in southwestern Pennsylvania wherein passengers fought
25 with the terrorists to prevent further destruction at the expense of their
26 own lives; and
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28 WHEREAS, thousands of innocent people were killed and injured as a
29 result of the attacks on September 11, 2001; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed a resolution
32 encouraging every American community to display the American flag in
33 remembrance of the lives lost and the solidarity of purpose in our nation;
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36 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush signed Public Law No. 107-89



1 designating September 11th as Patriot Day to observe and remember those who
2 perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

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4 WHEREAS, Arkansas native Gale Baltimore-Brown, inspired by the heroic
5 sacrifices, patriotism, and unity of firefighters, rescue and law enforcement
6 personnel, military service members, American school children, and other
7 citizens, created the Patriot's Day Flag by inscribing the names of the
8 American heroes of September 11th into "Old Glory" as a transportable
9 monument in memory of those who perished and in honor of the valor by which
10 American servicemen and women in Arkansas and throughout the country continue
11 to respond to terrorist acts; and

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13 WHEREAS, the names of American heroes on the Patriot's Day Flag work
14 together in harmony to show the world that, although bruised by terrorism,
15 America still stands for freedom; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Patriot's Day Flag, unveiled by Governor Mike Huckabee on
18 the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol on September 11, 2002, and recognized
19 and appreciated by President George W. Bush and other national leaders on
20 October 21, 2002, hangs majestically in American homes and institutions
21 whispering the names of those who gave their lives and honoring the
22 servicemen and women who daily risk and sacrifice their lives by pursuing
23 peace and justice in the world and security at home; and

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25 WHEREAS, Arkansas native Gale Baltimore-Brown has made the Patriot's
26 Day Flag available to government officials, Arkansas school children, and the
27 families of victims; and

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29 WHEREAS, Gale Baltimore-Brown has encouraged Arkansas school children
30 to send letters to military personnel around the world; and

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32 WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has given the flag to returning Arkansas servicemen
33 and women as an historic tribute to their service,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

1 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 THAT the Senate of the State of Arkansas honors the Patriot's Day Flag,
4 salutes the efforts of Ms. Gale Baltimore-Brown, honors the continuous
5 service of Arkansas servicemen and women, and encourages Arkansans to display
6 the Patriot's Day Flag to honor the victims who lost their lives as a result
7 of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.
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