

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 272

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 a tragic loss of life estimated at 265 individuals, 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 of American Airlines Flight 587 were of Dominican origin and resided in the Washington Heights community, a vibrant neighborhood which is an integral part of our national cultural mosaic;

Whereas the Rockaway community has already suffered greatly as a result of the attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, as home to the highest concentration of firefighters in New York City, many of whom lost their lives at the World Trade Center;

Whereas many Rockaway residents ignored the risks and rushed to the site of the plane crash in an effort to help;

Whereas the people of the Rockaway community 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 on the ground performed valiantly limiting the devastation of this tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 away Peninsula in Queens County, New York, on
2 November 12, 2001;

3 (2) sends its sympathies to the people of the
4 Dominican Republic and to the Dominican commu-
5 nity in New York City;

6 (3) sends its sympathies to the people of the
7 Rockaway community;

8 (4) commends the heroic actions of the rescue
9 workers, volunteers, and State and local officials
10 who responded to this tragic event with courage, de-
11 termination, and skill; and

12 (5) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
13 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution
14 to the President of the Dominican Republic.

Passed the House of Representatives November 16,
2001.

Attest:

Clerk.

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