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To permit the closed circuit televising of the criminal trial of Zacarias Moussaoui for the victims of September 11th.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19 (legislative day, DECEMBER 18), 2001

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. KERRY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Terrorist Victims' Courtroom Access Act''.

SEC. 2. TELEVISING OF THE TRIAL OF ZACARIAS MOUSSAOUI FOR THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to the contrary,

in order to permit victims of crimes associated with the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001 to watch criminal trial proceedings in the criminal case against Zacarias Moussaoui, the trial court in that case shall order closed circuit televising of the proceedings to convenient locations, including Northern Virginia, Los Angeles, New York City, Boston, Newark, and San Francisco, for viewing by those victims the court determines have a compelling interest in doing so and are otherwise unable to do so by reason of the inconvenience and expense of traveling to the location of the trial.

(b) PROCEDURES.—Except as provided in subsection (a), the terms and restrictions of section 235 of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 10608) shall apply to the televising of court proceedings under this section.

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