

Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States. On the 15th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001, and their families. September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States.

Therefore, the Town of Granite Falls would like to recognize the observance of this important anniversary and encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance marking the moment in an appropriate manner.

I would like to submit a resolution passed by the Town of Granite Falls remembering the Anniversary of September 11th.

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING PATRIOT DAY, THE NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE, AND THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls expresses their support of the citizens of the United States coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2016, in honor of the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

Whereas, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

Whereas, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

Whereas, at approximately 10:03 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

Whereas, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

Whereas, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

Whereas, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

Whereas, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

Whereas, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

Whereas, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2016, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from

negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

Whereas, 15 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

Whereas, 15 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

Whereas, on the 15th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the Town of Granite Falls are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

Whereas, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

Whereas, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls:

(1) recognizes September 11, 2016, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and

(2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

(3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

(4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and

(5) reaffirms that the people of the Town of Granite Falls will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and be it further

Resolved that on the 15th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls requests that citizens observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2016, and be it further

Resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls requests the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CREATION OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial of the

creation of the United States International Trade Commission and to congratulate the Commission and its exceptional staff on their distinguished service.

One hundred years ago, Congress directed the President to establish what was then known as the United States Tariff Commission. Congress authorized the Commission to gather expert and impartial information on the "administrative, fiscal, and industrial effects of U.S. customs laws" for the President and Congress. In 1974, Congress renamed the Commission as the U.S. International Trade Commission, through the Trade Act of 1974, and expanded its investigatory and quasi-judicial role.

Today, the nonpartisan independent Commission continues its invaluable work as mandated by Congress to administer U.S. trade remedy laws in a fair and objective manner and to provide Congress and the President with independent analysis and information concerning international trade, tariffs, and U.S. competitiveness.

We have depended on the Commission's commitment to excellence in performing these important functions and serving a vital role for Congress, the Executive Branch, and the American public. Therefore I ask my colleagues to join me in offering my sincerest thanks to the U.S. International Trade Commission and its staff for their commendable work over the last one hundred years. We look forward to continuing to rely on the professionalism, objectivity, and neutrality of this vitally important agency in providing us with independent and sound advice, which allows us to effectively carry out our Constitutional duties in establishing U.S. trade policy.

TRIBUTE TO BARB KNIFF-MCCULLA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Barb Kniff-McCulla, owner and CEO of KLK Construction, Inc. for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Kniff-McCulla has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Barb Kniff-McCulla has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with KLK Construction, a leader in cable placement within the utility construction market which serves a seven-state region. In all aspects of her life, Barb Kniff-McCulla is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.