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1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 857

Honoring and remembering the victims of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Rockaway Queens, New York, on November 12, 2001, and extending the sincerest condolences of the citizens of the United States to the families and friends of those individuals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself and Mr. MEEKS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring and remembering the victims of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Rockaway Queens, New York, on November 12, 2001, and extending the sincerest condolences of the citizens of the United States to the families and friends of those individuals.

Whereas the people of New York and communities throughout the United States experienced a terrible tragedy when American Airlines Flight 587 crashed in Belle Harbor, Queens, claiming the lives of 260 individuals onboard and 5 bystanders on the ground;

Whereas Flight 587 took off at 9:14 a.m. from John F. Kennedy International Airport bound for Las Américas International Airport in Santo Domingo, the capital of the

Dominican Republic, with 260 passengers and crew on board;

Whereas the disaster hit Rockaway especially hard, as the community was still reeling from the September 11 attacks, in which 65 area residents lost their lives;

Whereas around 90 percent of the passengers on the flight were of Dominican descent;

Whereas the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) 2004 report determined that the probable cause of this accident was the in-flight separation of the vertical stabilizer as a result of the loads beyond ultimate design that were created by the first officer's unnecessary and excessive rudder pedal inputs;

Whereas contributing to the rudder pedal inputs were characteristics of the Airbus A300–600 rudder system design and elements of the American Airlines Advanced Aircraft Maneuvering Program;

Whereas, since the 2004 NTSB report, American Airlines has modified its pilot training program;

Whereas, on November 12, 2006, on the fifth anniversary of the accident, a memorial was constructed in Rockaway Park, in memory of the 265 victims of the crash;

Whereas a ceremony commemorating the disaster is held annually at the memorial every November 12, featuring a reading of the names of those killed aboard the aircraft and on the ground, with a formal moment of silence observed at 9:16 a.m., the estimated time of the crash;

Whereas the memorial wall, designed by Dominican artist Freddy Rodríguez and Situ Studio has windows and a doorway looking toward the nearby Atlantic Ocean and angled toward the Dominican Republic; and

Whereas November 12, 2021, marks the twentieth anniversary of this tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That

2       HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF

3                   AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587

4       SECTION 1.

5       (a) HONORING AND REMEMBERING VICTIMS.—The  
6 House of Representatives honors and remembers the vic-  
7 tims of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587, includ-  
8 ing—

9           (1) Captain Edward States, United States;

10          (2) First Officer Sten Molin, United States;

11          (3) Deborah Fontakis, United States;

12          (4) Barbara Giannasca, United States;

13          (5) Wilmer Gonzalez, United States;

14          (6) Joseph Lopes, United States;

15          (7) Michele Mills, United States;

16          (8) Carol Palm, United States;

17          (9) William Valdespino, United States;

18          (10) Manuel Abreu, Dominican Republic;

19          (11) Juana Abreu, United States;

20          (12) Candida Rosa Acosta, United States;

21          (13) Oneida Acosta De Araujo, United States;

22          (14) Rosa Alcantara, United States;

23          (15) Selene Alcantara, Dominican Republic;

- 1           (16) Danny Alcantara Taveras, Dominican Re-  
2       public;
- 3           (17) Hipolito Algarroba, United States;
- 4           (18) Ubencia Algarroba, United States;
- 5           (19) Josefina Allende, United States;
- 6           (20) Ramon Almanzar, United States;
- 7           (21) Rosa Almanzar, Dominican Republic;
- 8           (22) Juan Almonte, Dominican Republic;
- 9           (23) Luz Alvarado, Dominican Republic;
- 10          (24) Rafael Alvarez, United States;
- 11          (25) Marina Aponte, United States;
- 12          (26) Regina Arroyo Molina, United States;
- 13          (27) Jovanny Baez, Dominican Republic;
- 14          (28) Noemi Batista, United States;
- 15          (29) Lialette Batista, United States;
- 16          (30) Tito Bautista, Dominican Republic;
- 17          (31) Baudilio Bautista, United States;
- 18          (32) Xiomara Betances, Dominican Republic;
- 19          (33) Dennis Blair, United States;
- 20          (34) Jose Bonilla, United States;
- 21          (35) Wilberto Brito, United States;
- 22          (36) Pedro Brito Rodriguez, United States;
- 23          (37) Angela (Maria) Burdier, Dominican Re-  
24       public;

- 1           (38) Martina Burdier De Rodriguez, United  
2       States;
- 3           (39) Maria Burdier Tapia, Dominican Republic;
- 4           (40) Robert Cabrera, Dominican Republic;
- 5           (41) Consesora Calaff, United States;
- 6           (42) Ramon Calderon, United States;
- 7           (43) Petronila Capellan, United States;
- 8           (44) Genimiz Carty, United States;
- 9           (45) Juana Castillo, United States;
- 10          (46) Santana Castillo Fernandez, United  
11       States;
- 12          (47) Sobeira Cedeno, United States;
- 13          (48) Angel Celestino, United States;
- 14          (49) Christina Charles, United States;
- 15          (50) David (Ching) Chen, Taiwan;
- 16          (51) Victor Cornelio, Dominican Republic;
- 17          (52) Juan Coronado, United States;
- 18          (53) Gladys Coronado, United States;
- 19          (54) Danilo Corporan, Dominican Republic;
- 20          (55) Eduarda Corporan, United States;
- 21          (56) Janet Corporan (infant);
- 22          (57) Gisela Cuello, United States;
- 23          (58) Indira Cuevas, United States;
- 24          (59) Federico de la Asuncion, United States;
- 25          (60) Karla de la Cruz, United States;

- 1 (61) Clara de la Cruz, United States;
- 2 (62) Leonardo de la Cruz, United States;
- 3 (63) Leonte de la Cruz, United States;
- 4 (64) Marino de la Cruz, Dominican Republic;
- 5 (65) Angela de la Cruz, Dominican Republic;
- 6 (66) Glen de la Cruz, United States;
- 7 (67) Maria de la Cruz, United States;
- 8 (68) Alexandra de la Cruz, United States;
- 9 (69) Juan de la Cruz, United States;
- 10 (70) Rafael de la Cruz, United States;
- 11 (71) Alcibiades de la Cruz, United States;
- 12 (72) Ramona de Leon Corporan, United States;
- 13 (73) Nieves de los Santos, Dominican Republic;
- 14 (74) Guadalupe del Rosario De Peralta, United  
15 States;
- 16 (75) Eustaquio Delarosa, United States;
- 17 (76) Reynida Delgado, Dominican Republic;
- 18 (77) Patricia Demarchena, Dominican Repub-  
19 lic;
- 20 (78) Lorenzo Despradel, United States;
- 21 (79) Robert Despradel, United States;
- 22 (80) Roberto Despradel (infant);
- 23 (81) Julia Diaz;
- 24 (82) Victor Diaz, United States;
- 25 (83) Francisco Diaz, Dominican Republic;

- 1 (84) Luz Diaz, United States;  
2 (85) Maria Diaz, Dominican Republic;  
3 (86) Alejandro Diaz, United States;  
4 (87) Eduvige Diaz Pachano De Bright, Domini-  
5 can Republic;  
6 (88) D Angelo Dilone, United States;  
7 (89) Julia Dominguez, United States;  
8 (90) Adriano Espino, Dominican Republic;  
9 (91) Florentine Estrella, United States;  
10 (92) Migulima Fabre, United States;  
11 (93) Marra Filanovsky, United States;  
12 (94) Ilya Filanovsky, United States;  
13 (95) Lasar Flores, United States;  
14 (96) Mariana Flores, United States;  
15 (97) Lasar (Isaiah) Flores, United States;  
16 (98) Anthony (Antonio) Forteza, United States;  
17 (99) Nalda Galva de Reynoso, Dominican Re-  
18 public;  
19 (100) Milagros Garcia Perez, United States;  
20 (101) Eduardo George, United States;  
21 (102) Milton George, United States;  
22 (103) Felix Gervacio, United States;  
23 (104) Jose Gomez Contrera, United States;  
24 (105) Pedro Gonzalez, Dominican Republic;  
25 (106) Carmen Gonzalez, United States;

- 1 (107) Regina Gonzalez, United States;  
2 (108) Sylvie Greleau, Great Britain;  
3 (109) Altagracia Guerrero, United States;  
4 (110) Dariana Guerrero, United States;  
5 (111) Diomarys Guerrero, United States;  
6 (112) Glenda Guzman, United States;  
7 (113) Johnny Guzman, United States;  
8 (114) Nicolasa Guzman De Mercedes, Domini-  
9 can Republic;  
10 (115) Miguel Guzman, Jr., United States;  
11 (116) Marion Hartigan, United States;  
12 (117) Teofilo Hernandez, Dominican Republic;  
13 (118) Juan Hernandez, Dominican Republic;  
14 (119) Carla Hernandez, United States;  
15 (120) Joanny Hernandez, United States;  
16 (121) Jean Heuze, France;  
17 (122) Yohanly Hidalgo, United States;  
18 (123) Dario Hidalgo, United States;  
19 (124) Alexander Hodge, United States;  
20 (125) Joseph Huber, United States;  
21 (126) Frances Huber, United States;  
22 (127) Sarah Huertas, United States;  
23 (128) Jose Vicente Infante, United States;  
24 (129) Yamil Jerez, United States;  
25 (130) Humberto Jimenez, Dominican Republic;



- 1 (131) Yesica Jimenez, Dominican Republic;  
2 (132) Jayke Jimenez (infant);  
3 (133) Roberto Jimenez Perez, United States;  
4 (134) Ernestina Jiminian, United States;  
5 (135) Jose Lafontaine, Dominican Republic;  
6 (136) Melvin Landsman, United States;  
7 (137) Elaine Landsman, United States;  
8 (138) Luz Maria Lendof, Dominican Republic;  
9 (139) Marcelina Liriano Guerrero, United  
10 States;  
11 (140) Mercedes Lopez, United States;  
12 (141) Emily Lopez, United States;  
13 (142) Argentina Lopez, United States;  
14 (143) Roberto Lopez, Jr., United States;  
15 (144) Jose Lora, United States;  
16 (145) Karl Lora, United States;  
17 (146) Mercedes Luciano De Veloz, United  
18 States;  
19 (147) Maricio Made, Dominican Republic;  
20 (148) Ana Made, Dominican Republic;  
21 (149) Victor Marcano, United States;  
22 (150) Digna Marte, Dominican Republic;  
23 (151) German Martinez, Dominican Republic;  
24 (152) Aurora Martinez, United States;  
25 (153) Yanelly Martinez, United States;

- 1 (154) Angel Martinez, United States;
- 2 (155) Sura Martinez, United States;
- 3 (156) Juan Martinez, Dominican Republic;
- 4 (157) Ibelise Martinez De Goris, Dominican  
5 Republic;
- 6 (158) Nieve Mason, Dominican Republic;
- 7 (159) Virgilia Mateo, United States;
- 8 (160) Nuris Matias, United States;
- 9 (161) Dominga Matias, Dominican Republic;
- 10 (162) Orlando Mtos Perez, United States;
- 11 (163) Hilda Mayol, United States;
- 12 (164) Carmen Medina, Dominican Republic;
- 13 (165) Wilfrido Medrano, United States;
- 14 (166) Ashot Melikjanian, United States;
- 15 (167) Grace Mena, United States;
- 16 (168) Wilton Mendez, United States;
- 17 (169) Daisy Montalvo, United States;
- 18 (170) Diane Monte, United States;
- 19 (171) Remedios Montilla, Dominican Republic;
- 20 (172) Antonia Morales, United States;
- 21 (173) Luis Morales, United States;
- 22 (174) Efrain Mota, United States;
- 23 (175) Luis Munoz, United States;
- 24 (176) Alen Noboa, United States;
- 25 (177) Victoria Nova Rivera, United States;

- 1 (178) Ana Nunez;  
2 (179) Fatima Nunez, Dominican Republic;  
3 (180) Aaliya Nunez Reynoso (infant), United  
4 States;  
5 (181) Siegried Objio, United States;  
6 (182) Rosanna Ogando, Dominican Republic;  
7 (183) Ramon Oviedo Germoso, United States;  
8 (184) Angel Paradis, United States;  
9 (185) Carmen Pena, Dominican Republic;  
10 (186) Katherine Pena, United States;  
11 (187) Michael Pena, United States;  
12 (188) Magnolia Pena Nadir, United States;  
13 (189) Yelisa Peralta, Dominican Republic;  
14 (190) Ramon Peralta, Dominican Republic;  
15 (191) Augusto Peralta, United States;  
16 (192) Fernando Perez, United States;  
17 (193) Carmen Perez, Dominican Republic;  
18 (194) Jose Perez, Dominican Republic;  
19 (195) Maria Perez Mendez, Dominican Republic;  
20 lic;  
21 (196) Luis Perreaux, United States;  
22 (197) Jean Phanord, Haiti;  
23 (198) Luis Pichardo, Dominican Republic;  
24 (199) Ramona Pimentel, Dominican Republic;  
25 (200) Nurys Polanco, United States;

- 1 (201) Ercilia Polanco, United States;
- 2 (202) Reyna Prospero, United States;
- 3 (203) Joseph Ramirez, United States;
- 4 (204) Victor Ramirez, Dominican Republic;
- 5 (205) Jose Ramirez, Dominican Republic;
- 6 (206) Rafael Ravelo, Dominican Republic;
- 7 (207) Eleuteria Reid-Hay, United States;
- 8 (208) Agapito Reyes, Dominican Republic;
- 9 (209) Roberto Reyes, United States;
- 10 (210) Norbeto Rivera, United States;
- 11 (211) Julio Rodriguez, United States;
- 12 (212) Ruben Rodriguez, United States;
- 13 (213) Julia Rodriguez, United States;
- 14 (214) Maria Rodriguez, United States;
- 15 (215) Lucia Rodriguez Almonte, United States;
- 16 (216) Juana Rojas Javier, Dominican Republic;
- 17 (217) Mercedes Roman, United States;
- 18 (218) Whilman Rosa, United States;
- 19 (219) Angel Rosa, United States;
- 20 (220) Jose Rosa Toledo, Dominican Republic;
- 21 (221) Danilo Rosario Castillo, Dominican Re-
- 22 public;
- 23 (222) Rosa Ruiz, United States;
- 24 (223) Johanna Sanchez, United States;
- 25 (224) Gilbert Sanchez (infant);

- 1 (225) Felix Sanchez, United States;  
2 (226) Luis Sanchez, United States;  
3 (227) Jose Sanchez, United States;  
4 (228) Elvis Sanchez, United States;  
5 (229) Timo Santala, United States;  
6 (230) Iris Magali Santana, Dominican Republic;  
7 lic;  
8 (231) Jose Siri, United States;  
9 (232) Imelda Solis, United States;  
10 (233) Daria Soriano De Batista, Dominican  
11 Republic;  
12 (234) Asencion Sosa, United States;  
13 (235) Franklin Soto, United States;  
14 (236) Balbina Soto De Rodriguez, United  
15 States;  
16 (237) Angela Suazo Perez, United States;  
17 (238) Lina Tabar, Dominican Republic;  
18 (239) Milagros Tabar, Dominican Republic;  
19 (240) Maria Tatis, United States;  
20 (241) Jose Tatis Minaya, Dominican Republic;  
21 (242) Guadalupe Taveras, United States;  
22 (243) Ivelisse Taveras, Dominican Republic;  
23 (244) Adaline Tejeda, United States;  
24 (245) Evelyn Tolentino, United States;  
25 (246) Po Tseng, Taiwan;

- 1 (247) Feliciano Valera Sierra, United States;  
2 (248) Maximo Valerio, Dominican Republic;  
3 (249) Norma Valoy, United States;  
4 (250) Maria Vargas, United States;  
5 (251) Ilan Vaserman, Israel;  
6 (252) Zeneida Vega, Dominican Republic;  
7 (253) Carlos Veloz, United States;  
8 (254) Braudilio Veloz, United States;  
9 (255) Gloia Ventin, United States;  
10 (256) Cristopher Ventin, United States;  
11 (257) Maria Del Carmen Ventura, Dominican  
12 Republic;  
13 (258) Nicola Villella, United States;  
14 (259) Kathleen Williams, United States;  
15 (260) Cesar Zabala, United States;  
16 (261) Helen Concannon of Belle Harbor;  
17 (262) Thomas Concannon of Belle Harbor;  
18 (263) Christopher Lawler of Belle Harbor;  
19 (264) Kathleen Lawler of Belle Harbor; and  
20 (265) Frank Pomponio of Belle Harbor.
- 21 (b) HONORING AND THANKING OTHERS.—The  
22 House of Representatives also—
- 23 (1) honors and thanks the families, friends, and  
24 loved ones of the victims of the crash of American  
25 Airlines Flight 587;

1           (2) conveys the most sincere condolences of the  
2 citizens of the United States to the families, friends,  
3 and communities of the victims; and

4           (3) solemnly marks the twenty-first anniversary  
5 of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in  
6 Rockaway Queens, New York.

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