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House of Representatives

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICES
OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION'S EMPLOYEES AND
OFFICERS ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF
TSA'S ESTABLISHMENT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I join with the Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Committee, JOHN KATKO, and Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee Chairwoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN and Ranking Member CARLOS GIMENEZ, to mark tomorrow's 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Transportation Security Administration.

Following the devastating attacks of September 11th, 2001, Federal authorities undertook the massive effort to safeguard and defend our national transportation system. In the past two decades, TSA has implemented advanced security technologies, responded to new and ever-changing threats, and protected the lives of billions of passengers from around the country and across the globe. Today, even amid the dangers of the COVID-19 pandemic, Transportation Security Officers, Federal Air Marshals, Transportation Security Inspectors, and other TSA employees continue to serve on the front lines and protect the lives of passengers and the security of cargo traveling by air, sea, road, and rail.

I include in the RECORD the text of a resolution recognizing the service and sacrifices of TSA's employees and officers on the 20th anniversary of TSA's establishment.

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the service and sacrifices of the Transportation Security Administration's employees and officers on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of TSA and the role TSA's employees and officers play in keeping our Nation secure.

Whereas November 19, 2021, marks the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (Public Law 107-71), which amended title 49, United States Code, to establish the Transportation Security Administration (TSA);

Whereas the TSA was established following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, with the mission to secure transportation systems and restore confidence in air travel;

Whereas for 20 years TSA employees and officers have bravely served on the front lines keeping our skies and the traveling public safe, even in the face of targeted attacks such as that which took the life of Officer Gerardo Hernandez;

Whereas the TSA has remained on the front lines at our Nation's airports throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas the TSA has had over 10,000 employees test positive for COVID-19, with 32 TSA employees having lost their lives from March 2020 through October 2021;

Whereas since its establishment, TSA employees and officers have endeavored to improve security domestically and internationally, across all modes of transportation, against a wide range of evolving physical and cyber threats; and

Whereas Americans will continue to look to TSA to be vigilant in the face of known and emerging threats: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes—

(A) the service and sacrifices of the TSA's employees and officers on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of TSA; and

(B) the role TSA's employees and officers play in keeping our Nation secure; and

(2) encourages all Americans to observe TSA's 20th anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities.