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SB 152: September 11 Designated as Patriot Day

On September 11, 2001, our nation endured the worst terrorist attack on United States soil, and thousands of innocent people perished. Courage and bravery were demonstrated that day and in the days that followed by citizens who came to the rescue, and gave their lives to save others, many of whom never returned to their families. Brave men and women protect our country here and around the world, as do the devoted members of our law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical responders, doctors, nurses, and first responders, and all who serve to keep our nation safe from those who would do violence to us. Our nation continues to be threatened by terrorists and extremists, and we must remain vigilant to ensure such an attack never occurs on American soil again. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation since 2001, with many Alaska-based soldiers deploying to fight terrorists abroad, even as recently as the September deployment of the 4-25th Brigade from Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson on a mission that truly began on Sept. 11, 2001.

SB 152 designates September 11 of every year as Patriot Day. In addition, SB 152 requests the Governor of the State of Alaska to order the observation of Patriot Day and the display of the U.S. flag at half staff in honor of individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.