

No. R-217. House concurrent resolution honoring the Barre granite craftspersons who created the monoliths for the 9/11 Memorial Glade in New York City.

(H.C.R.178)

Offered by: Representatives Anthony of Barre City, LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum (the Memorial) serves as a tribute to the nearly 3,000 persons who perished in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the six persons killed in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and the valiant first responders who also died, and

Whereas, the Memorial and its original architects, Michael Arad and Peter Walker, in consultation with 9/11 family members, health advocates, first responders, and local residents, have designed a pathway, known as the Memorial Glade, which six large stone monoliths flank, and

Whereas, the monoliths measure 15 feet long and 8 feet wide, are of varying heights, and appear “worn, but not beaten, symbolizing strength and determination through adversity,” and

Whereas, the Memorial Glade marks the site of the main access ramp to bedrock during the post-9/11 recovery period, and

Whereas, the Memorial selected the renowned granite craftspersons of Barre’s Rock of Ages/Polycor to create these symbolically significant monoliths, and

Whereas, these impressive monoliths are composed of Laurentian Green granite, quarried in Lac Morin, Quebec, and

Whereas, transporting the monoliths to the Memorial necessitated a six-hour road trip that included a traveling team of eight Vermont Division of Fire Safety personnel, and along the route, local first responders cheered this unusual patriotic procession, and

Whereas, for over a century, the granite industry has been a source of pride and economic importance for Central Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Barre granite craftspersons who created the monoliths for the 9/11 Memorial Glade in New York City, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rock of Ages/Polycor, the Barre Granite Association, the Vermont Granite Museum, the Barre City Clerk, the Barre Town Clerk, and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City.