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SOLEMN CEREMONY MARKS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1993 WTC BOMBING

Moment of Silence Observed at 9/11 Memorial

Terror Attack Killed Six, Injured More than a Thousand

(New York) February 26, 2013 - The National September 11 Memorial & Museum and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today recognized the 20th anniversary of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing in a ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial.

A moment of silence was observed at 12:18 p.m., the time of the terror attack that killed John DiGiovanni, Robert Kirkpatrick, Stephen Knapp, William Macko, Wilfredo Mercado, and Monica Rodriguez Smith and her unborn child. Their names were read aloud as part of the ceremony attended by victims' relatives, survivors, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who chairs the 9/11 Memorial board, former New York Mayor David Dinkins and Port Authority officials including Vice Chairman Scott Rechler, Executive Director Pat Foye, and Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni.

White roses were placed by the six 1993 victims' names, which are inscribed in bronze along the north side of the Memorial's north reflecting pool. Their names are inscribed alongside those of the victims of the 9/11 attacks. More information on the names arrangement can be found on the [Memorial Guide](#).

"Today we stop and remember the six innocent people killed in the World Trade Center attack two decades ago," 9/11 Memorial President Joe Daniels said. "Like those lost in the 2001 attacks, the memory of each victim will be forever preserved at the Memorial and Museum for future generations. Their lives and the history of February 26, 1993 will never be forgotten."

"We will always remember the six people, including four members of our own Port Authority family and an unborn child, whose lives were taken 20 years ago by a cowardly act of terror," Port Authority Vice Chairman Scott Rechler said. "Today we come together to commemorate their lives and to show, in honor of their memory, that America's resilience and our optimism for the future remains strong."

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"This tragic event, in which six people were senselessly murdered, is a day that will be forever etched in the memories of all Port Authority staff," Port Authority Chairman David Samson said. "It is fitting that, as time goes on, we continue to stop and reflect on this terrible tragedy and the lives that were needlessly lost."

"The 1993 bombing was a heinous act of murder, preceding by eight years, the attacks of 2001," 9/11 Memorial Museum Director Alice M. Greenwald said. "At the Memorial Museum, we will not only tell the story of 9/11, but we will document the events that took place 20 years ago at the World Trade Center, and we will honor and commemorate the lives of the six people taken from us on that February afternoon."

A small cell of terrorists detonated about 1,200 pounds of explosives in a rental van in the underground parking garage at the World Trade Center at 12:18 p.m. on February 26, 1993, killing six and injuring hundreds. Of the victims, Kirkpatrick, Knapp, Macko and Smith were Port Authority employees. Mercado worked for Windows on the World restaurant and was checking in food deliveries, while DiGiovanni was a dental salesman visiting the building at the time of the blast.

Some Port Authority personnel with specialized knowledge of the building remained in the towers to help first responders with the evacuation and rescue. About 50,000 people were safely evacuated.

More information about the 1993 attack can be found online at www.911memorial.org/1993-wtc-bombing-victims.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the not-for-profit corporation created to oversee the design, fundraising, programming, and operations of the Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center. The Memorial and Museum are located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site. The Memorial was dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and is now open to the public.

The Memorial remembers and honors the 2,983 people who were killed in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The design, created by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, consists of two reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the original Twin Towers and a plaza of trees. The Museum will display monumental artifacts linked to the events of 9/11, while presenting intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning, and recovery that are central to telling the story of the 2001 and 1993 attacks and the aftermath. It will communicate key messages that embrace both the specificity and the universal implications of the events of 9/11; document the impact of those events on individual lives, as well as on local, national, and international

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communities; and explore the continuing significance of these events for our global community.

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