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Commemorative 9/11 plaque now on display

WHITEHORSE—A plaque received from the United States recognizing the efforts of Whitehorse citizens on September 11, 2001 was unveiled today at the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport by Deputy Premier and Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor.

Whitehorse Mayor Bev Buckway and the United States Consul General's representative Jeanne Briganti joined the Deputy Premier, an honour guard and representatives from emergency responders at a public ceremony marking the anniversary of the event and placement of the plaque in the international area at the Whitehorse airport.

"Eleven years ago two South Korean 747 airliners en route to New York were forced to land in Whitehorse," Taylor said. "This plaque recognizes the territory's generosity and support in responding to the needs arising from that event and serves as a reminder of the significant role Yukoners played when we opened our doors to more than 200 stranded passengers and crew during uncertain times."

The bronze plaque was originally presented to Premier Darrell Pasloski in appreciation of Yukoners' efforts by United States Consul General Anne Callaghan during her inaugural visit to Yukon last March.

"The events of 9/11 here in Whitehorse, and on the other side of North America, will not be forgotten. It was a time when emergency responders including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Forces, Emergency Measures Organization, ambulance, fire, health and social services, acted quickly and professionally in very difficult and challenging circumstances. It is indeed fitting that a number of those organizations are included in the honour guard here today," Taylor added.

The plaque will remain permanently displayed in the international area of the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport.

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