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**MEDIA ALERT**

**GOVERNOR NAPOLITANO, UNITED PHOENIX FIRE FIGHTERS ASSN. & BASHAS' INC.  
TO ANNOUNCE COLLECTIVE PLAN TO SUPPORT SEPT. 11 MEMORIAL**

***Arizonans Can Join in the Effort***

**WHO:** Governor Janet Napolitano – along with the State of Arizona's September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Commission, Billy Shields of the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association and Johnny Basha of Bashas' Inc. – will formally announce a new, combined effort to support the construction of a September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial at the state Capitol.

Governor Napolitano will unveil the design of Arizona's commemorative memorial pin. Also attending the news conference will be Steve Speisman, who currently serves as a member of the state's September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Commission; his brother was aboard the plane that crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

**WHEN:** **PRESS CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2005, 10 a.m.**

**WHERE:** Governor's Office, 1700 W. Washington, 2nd Floor, Phoenix

**WHAT:** The State of Arizona's September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Commission, working in tandem with the United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association, has created a special memorial pin to recognize the courage and heroism of those who made the ultimate sacrifice that fateful day.

During the press conference, the group will unveil designs for the September 11<sup>th</sup> commemorative pin. Details also will be provided for how Arizonans can participate in the effort to pay tribute to the countless displays of courage and many acts of heroism that occurred on September 11, 2001.

**WHY:** Money raised from the sale of the new pins will go toward the creation of a 9/11 memorial monument. The monument, once it is installed on Wesley Bolin Plaza at the Arizona State Capitol, will help ensure that, generations from now, Arizonans will continue to honor the memory of the family, friends and fellow citizens who lost their lives during the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. No public monies will be used to build the monument.

**VISUALS:**

- First opportunity to see design of memorial pins, which are in limited supply
- Interviews: Gov. Napolitano, Billy Shields, Johnny Basha, Steve Speisman

**NOTE:** ***This announcement precedes the Governor's regular weekly media briefing.***

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