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World Trade Center Exhibit Now Open at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

Fort Worth, TX - At 8:46 a.m. EST on September 11, 2001, hijackers deliberately crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 94-98 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

In June 2010, in response to a joint request from the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and the City of Fort Worth, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey appointed the Museum to serve as custodian of a significant piece of American history. In February 2011, the Museum took possession of an 8,000-pound exterior structural column from the World Trade Center's North Tower, destroyed in the attacks. It is among one of the few recovered pieces that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has been able to trace to its location on the structure, and the largest designated for Texas. Officially known as WTC 1, Column 133, floors 100-103 the beam stands upright at 37 feet tall in the Museum's iconic Urban Lantern.

"The Museum is deeply honored that we will be able to provide the community with a tribute site that pays homage to 9/11, the people who perished in the attacks and the brave men and women who served as first responders on that tragic day," said Museum President Van A. Romans. "As a history Museum, ours is an appropriate venue for such an important American artifact, and we are delighted to make it possible for our guests to have access to it."

Presentation of this artifact in the Museum's Urban Lantern allows guests to view the artifact free of charge and on a very personal level.

About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

Established in 1941, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, anchored by its rich collections, is an institution dedicated to lifelong learning. The Museum engages children and adult guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The new \$80-million campus opened in November 2009 marking the culmination of an extensive multiyear fundraising campaign. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For more information about the Museum, visit www.fortworthmuseum.org or call [817-255-9300](tel:817-255-9300).

