

Bravery was also on display when several passengers of United Flight 93 decided that they would not let the terrorist complete their plans. They sacrificed themselves rather than let the terrorists win.

Stories of uncommon heroism were common on September 11. The genius of America could be found in the sacrifices of these brave martyrs of freedom.

As we remember September 11, we must look forward to the day when we complete the task at hand, when we vanquish once and for all the terrorists who seek to take away our Nation's freedom.

We thank those Americans who serve in our Nation's Armed Forces who fight to preserve our freedom and still work to bring terrorists to justice.

We elected Members of the 107th Congress, like those Members gathered in this location of the First Congress, simply reflect the desires of a people who cherish liberty and are willing to fight for freedom.

Let us always remember those we lost on September 11, and may God continue to bless America.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

"GOD BLESS AMERICA" SUNG BY CHAMBER CHOIR, STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL, NEW YORK CITY.

The SPEAKER. The Stuyvesant High School Chamber Choir will now sing "God Bless America."

The Chamber Choir, Stuyvesant High School, sang "God Bless America."

(Applause.)

The Members and guests sang "God Bless America."

The SPEAKER. Ladies and gentlemen of the House and the Senate, this concludes the special ceremonial meeting of the Congress. Members are asked to remain in their seats and make their exit with the colors.

The Chair will assure that the record of these proceedings will be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The proceedings are closed.

The Colors were retired by the Color Guard composed of members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, New York State Unified Court System Officers, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police, and the United States Capitol Police.

[Whereupon, the Commemorative Joint Meeting of the Congress was adjourned.]

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise first to thank all my colleagues for voting to bring the Congress here to New York. Its been more than 200 years since Congress last met in New York City. It is a fitting tribute that Congress has returned here at this most sorrowful time.

The past year has been a tragic and very difficult time for me and my fellow New Yorkers. We watched in horror as terrorists hijacked two commercial airliners and slammed them into the World Trade Center. We watched in horror as the Twin Towers came down and dust and debris blanketed lower Manhattan. We watched in horror as the

names of the more than 3,000 people murdered that day were announced.

But, in the days and weeks that followed, we New Yorkers experienced something else. We felt the hopes and prayers of millions of Americans flow over us. We felt the pride of being an American swell and invigorate us all. We felt the determination of the greatest nation the earth has every known renew itself and commit to rebuilding.

The terrorists intended many things with their attack. They sought to grievously wound our nation. And we were—we paid with the blood of our fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and brother and sisters. They sought to disrupt our economy. And they did—billions of dollars have been lost and will be spent on recovery.

The terrorists also sought to incite fear into the hearts and souls of every American. But, they FAILED. Instead, they inspired a nation of freedom loving people to stand up to those who would seek to deny them their liberties, their justice, and the American way of life. They inspired us to fight back, so that our children's children will grow up in a world where they can safely speak their views, engage in the political system, and worship in their own way.

As we meet here, in this historic location, I am reminded of one of our country's greatest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln. His words, spoken more than a century ago, are most fitting today: "we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

HOUR OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, September 10, 2002, it adjourn to meet at noon on Wednesday, September 11.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 3210, TERRORISM RISK PROTEC- TION ACT

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer tomorrow a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3210.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. FOSSELLA moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 3210, be instructed to agree to the provisions contained in section 11 of the Senate amendment, relating to satisfaction of judgments from frozen assets of terrorists, terrorist organizations, and the state sponsors of terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I intend to offer this motion on behalf of myself and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT).

OPENING VICTORY FOR THE HOUSTON TEXANS OVER THE DALLAS COWBOYS

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I intend to share my 1 minute with my colleague, the gentlewoman from Houston, Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

Mr. Speaker, it has been a difficult year for Houston, between floods and Enron and reduced energy production, but last night I watched a community come together. Last night, the National Football League came back to Houston after more than 5 years of being gone, and we watched the Houston Texans, a new expansion team, take on our cross-State rivals, the Dallas Cowboys, on prime time Sunday night at the Texas Super Bowl.

I watched as a team that was not expected to win literally won convincingly. It had not happened in 41 years that an expansion team won their first regular season game. I want to congratulate the Houston Texans and Bob McNair for their effort, and they played like veterans.

To quote Willy Nelson, "Momma, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys," and with the Houston Texans, the pro football team, we now have a new sheriff in town.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GREEN of Texas. I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Are the Members ready for football? They never believed we can do it; yes, we can. We have the Houston spirit. That spirit is that we won as an expansion team, the first time since 1961: Houston Texans 19, Dallas Cowboys simply 10.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) has expired.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have an additional 30 seconds.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GREEN of Texas. I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Let me say, Mr. Speaker, the hometown boy, Clay Johnson, sang the catchy theme song and the Rocking Reliant stadium stood tall behind our Houston Texans.

I, too, would like to thank Bob McNair, the community, and all the fans that were out there, because we have ourselves a number one team, which is first in line, first in team, and first in scoring: The Houston Texans 19, the Dallas Cowboys 10. Victory for us yesterday.