

any and all steps necessary to eradicate this evil from the face of our planet.

FAILURE OF INTELLIGENCE NETWORK

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I condemn this tragic act of war, like all, but yesterday showed the failings of American policy, folks. This attack was planned for months, maybe years. Where is our intelligence network, our human intelligence network?

The fact is, ladies and gentlemen, it is easy to attack the United States of America. Our borders are so wide open, terrorists could cross them with a nuclear warhead, and it may be unpopular to say, but I believe America's foreign policy in the Mideast is so one-sided that we endanger now American citizens. We must be fair in our policies.

I condemn these tragic acts. The Congress must now look in the mirror and do what is right and to be fair. My heart goes out to all of the victims and families of victims of this tragic war against America.

ERADICATE TERROR BY ERADICATING TERRORISTS

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

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, like all Americans, all America suffered losses yesterday, but for some of us it was more personal, since friends were lost in yesterday's incidents.

Years from now, our grandchildren will ask where we were and what happened on September 11, 2001, but the most important question all will ask us was what we did about it. Our answer must be, and today we begin that process, and importantly begin that process, of recognizing that the only way to eradicate terror is to eradicate terrorists.

As a New Yorker and an American, my outrage is only contained by the knowledge that the cowards who were responsible for this act will find themselves at the end of the swift fist of American justice. I see a united America, I see it in my district where people have pulled together to offer their equipment, to offer their prayers, to offer their blood. But let us make it clear that Americans are also saying they expect us to change, they expect us to move forward forcefully and end what we saw yesterday.

JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleagues in expressing our sincere condolences to those who have lost Americans in one of the most tragic and cowardly attacks on this country in our history. Make no mistake about it, this was an act of cowardice, an act of terrorism that struck at the heart of our Nation. This was an act of war against the United States.

But, make no mistake about it, we as Americans and we as a Nation stand united. Those who have committed this act will find no safe harbor. We stand united in finding out who was responsible and taking quick and decisive action in response.

This type of action has happened once before, a cowardice attack at Pearl Harbor. They thought without question that they would prevail, but they did not. All they succeeded in doing is waking a sleeping giant. Well, they have done it once before. The last time, this Nation became the most powerful Nation on earth. And in a short time this Nation, when those who are found responsible, will again loose the fateful lightning of our terrible swift sword and justice will prevail.

JUSTICE WILL BE DONE

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

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I woke up this morning, after not getting much sleep last night, with a broken heart and a tremendous feeling of sadness and anger. There are still so many questions unanswered. When we see these horrible events, feel these tremendous feelings and listen to these unspeakable stories, we must remember that we are Americans. Throughout history, Americans have shown to the world what freedom is. And, more importantly, we have shown what freedom costs. Yesterday we once again paid that cost.

While we share this planet with evil, we will not let evil triumph. To the victims and to the friends and families of those who have perished, I want you to know that your country, your American family, is praying for you and shares this burden with you. But to those responsible for these unspeakable horrors our country has endured, I say to you: You should not sleep another night with peace. You should not eat another meal in comfort. You must look over your shoulder because we will find you. We will find you and justice will be done.

UNITED STATES HAS SUFFERED WORST ATTACK SINCE PEARL HARBOR

(Mr. McNULTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I paraphrase a great President: Tuesday, September 11, 2001, is a day which will live in infamy, because on that day we suffered the worst attack against the United States since Pearl Harbor.

Words fail us at this time. So I suggest to the American people that we do exactly what the President suggested last night, that we pray for all of the innocent victims of this terrorist act, that we express our gratitude to all of the firefighters, police officers and other emergency personnel who lost their lives and who are putting their lives on the line today to rescue those left in the rubble.

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Finally, that we resolve, along with the President, to bring these cowards to justice. And, remember my friends, a terrorist by definition is a coward. It is a person who cannot get what he wants by the power of persuasion, and therefore resorts to killing innocent men, women, and children.

What happened yesterday, Mr. Speaker, is a basic violation of the fundamental principle that life is to give, not to take. Let us let the world know today that the forces of evil shall not prevail.

AMERICA, A BEACON OF FREEDOM TO THE WORLD

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, for as long as we live, we will remember September 11, 2001, and the moments when we first heard that America was viciously attacked in horrible acts of war by terrorists who declared war on America. We did not seek this war, but it is a war that has been brought to our shores. And we will not shirk from the responsibilities to respond courageously. America has always been at its best when it is being tested.

Why has this war been declared on America? Because we are the symbol of freedom and democracy around the world. Those who are perpetrating this war against America, the terrorists and terrorist groups, hate freedom. Theirs is a totalitarian vision dressed in religious garb.

Mr. Speaker, we have already fought and defeated totalitarian regimes in the past. It was our resolve, our principles, our commitment to life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness that brought us through victoriously. The same will be true this time. Americans will stand together against these savage, desperate tactics.

Yesterday's acts were not the acts of criminals, but the military acts of enemies. And military tactics demand