

military responses. Terrorism is a tactic of the weak, but America is strong. We must declare war on these terrorist groups, the vicious barbarians aiming at our destruction and those who harbor them.

America will respond with resolve. We will continue to be the beacon of freedom in the world.

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#### HEINOUS CRIMES AGAINST AMERICA WILL BE AVENGED

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, let us resolve that the dastardly attack which was thrust upon America yesterday, September 11, 2001, will always be put among those days that will live in infamy.

Terrorism is cowardly, devastating and immoral by the standards of all who believe in a just and loving God.

We owe it to all who suffered and died, we owe it to all decent human beings, to make sure that those who are in any way responsible for this will be held totally accountable for their heinous crime.

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#### STANDING TOGETHER UNITED

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

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was an act of war upon the United States. Our country as a nation will never be the same again. But from that tragedy, from that moment of death and destruction, we must rededicate ourselves to our principles. We must stand behind our President as commander in chief; stand together, not as Democrats and Republicans, but as Americans, vowing to find out exactly who it was that is responsible for this heinous act and to do all we can to eliminate them from the face of the Earth, and also those who would harbor them, those who harbor these terrorists.

Also my heart goes out to the victims, many of whom live in my district and the adjoining districts outside of and within New York City. Already the names of friends and relatives are coming in, so we personally know how tragic this truly is. I just want those families to know that our hearts and prayers are with them. We give a special debt of thanks to the police officers and the firefighters who gave their lives.

Again, as Americans, we must stand together one united country to root out this terrorism, to defeat them once and for all. Our hearts and prayers go to the victims and their families.

#### STANDING TOGETHER IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a day from hell, a tragedy that was perpetrated by people with a demonic view, who do not value human life. Words have never been less adequate than to meet the challenge of giving sympathy to the families of those affected.

On behalf of my constituents, I want to extend sympathy to those families of the victims, to make special note of those who were courageously there, the public safety people in New York who also lost their lives.

We do not know the extent of the casualties yet, Mr. Speaker, but we cannot let one of the casualties be the freedom that is the foundation of our country. We stand united behind our President and behind our congressional leaders as we try to inspire confidence in the American people and restore calm. Panic, of course, is the best thing we could give the terrorists. It would be a victory for them.

I hope that also in terms of calm and confidence, that we will have an emergency supplemental which will fully fund FEMA to meet the needs of the people affected in New York and also to meet the needs to restore the Pentagon.

We always pray for God to bless America. In the spirit of our people, God has blessed America. The people of Oklahoma gave us an example. New York will rise from the ashes like the great Phoenix that it will be.

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#### ADVERSITY DOES NOT DIVIDE AMERICA

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of these attacks on American soil, the United States of America must retaliate with force. Yesterday's acts of cowardice signify an act of war, and we will fight this war to win.

Adversity does not divide America; it strengthens us and propels us into unprecedented unity. These cowards have failed.

Mr. Speaker, our America is much more than the buildings and monuments that grace our soil. America is a nation of great people, joined by the love of country and the belief in freedom and liberty. This can never be extinguished.

The loss of life is devastating and has impacted all walks of American life. Our rescue workers, including police and firefighters, have suffered great loss. They are heroes, and have bravely

sacrificed their lives to save those suffering from these cowardly acts committed by these evil individuals.

This tragic event has mobilized America like never before. Our patriotic spirit has been resurrected, and this will prove to our enemy's demise.

God bless America.

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#### AMERICA WILL PREVAIL

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, words are inadequate to express the agony we feel today for those who lost their lives yesterday, for their families, and for this country. But we will recover, rebuild and move on.

In the dark days of late 1941, it was Winston Churchill, speaking for the Western allies, who said, "We have not journeyed all this way across the centuries, across the oceans, across the mountains and across the prairies, because we are made of sugar candy."

We are not. In truth, the people of this country are big in heart and strong in character. We will maintain our open society and fight terrorism around the globe with freedom-loving peoples everywhere, and we will prevail.

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#### AMERICA'S ENEMIES WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America came face-to-face with undisguised evil, an evil so profound that it leaves men and women of good will dumbfounded. These acts of war may have bloodied America, but America will remain unbowed.

The enemies of America, I think, have always underestimated us; but in fact what these terrorists perceive as America's weakness, our freedom, our tolerance, our democratic system, is what gives America its strength.

We will rise to this challenge. I urge for starters that we authorize the President to spend as he sees fit \$20 billion to react to this attack.

As we mourn our dead and injured, we will prepare for war; a war that we did not seek, but one that we must wage. And it is not a precedent. In the 18th century, Congress, under Jefferson, waged a war on the Barbary pirates. We must declare war on these new terrorists.

Americans are not by nature a vengeful people, but when roused to anger in a righteous cause, our fury and our resolve will not be extinguished until our enemies are brought to justice.

To those who celebrate the death of American innocents, of mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, I have a simple message: you can run, but you cannot hide. America will deliver a response at the time and place of its own choosing to the perpetrators and those that shield them.

#### A RESOLUTE AMERICA

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, today our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the victims. We pledge everything within our power to bring swift remedies to those who are still trapped, along with our thoughts and prayers.

We saw yesterday also the strength and the courage of the American people, embodied by those firefighters and police who rushed into the wreckage; by those Americans, those physicians who came from around the region to lend their help; by the Americans still waiting in lines to donate blood. We saw the greatness of America yesterday.

And to those who would perpetrate these unthinkable crimes against innocent men, women, and children, we say to you, we will hunt you down like the animals that you are. You will find no refuge, no succor, no shelter from the storm that will come. Others have felt democracy is weak, and they have found, as our enemies today will find, that there is nothing like the resolution of the American people.

God bless this country.

#### GOD BLESS AMERICA

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, from the 23rd Psalm, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

God has blessed this Nation to be the most free, the most caring, and the most prosperous Nation in the world's history. But, as the Chaplain prayed, we seek peace and security through justice; and, I will add, justice will prevail.

God will continue to bless this Nation. Let us all fly our flags and renew our pledge to be one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

God bless this House, God bless this President, and God bless the United States of America.

#### BRINGING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning I woke up thinking of my granddaughter. Yesterday was her first birthday. Two hours later, this Nation was in a crisis.

I know the American people. I know the people of New York. I know how we all respond in times of crisis, that we all come together, and we will be there for each other.

But this Congress, this Congress will respond. Many of us are considered gentle people, and we are. But let me say, I, for one, will make sure that this President has all the tools and the financial means that he needs to bring justice to so many of my constituents that were killed yesterday.

This Congress, this government, will not rest until every single person responsible for these deaths are brought to justice.

#### AMERICA MUST BE STRONG, OF GOOD COURAGE, AND ACT

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

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, our prayers today certainly go out to the victims of yesterday's horrific acts of terror. May the families and friends of those lost, military and civilian; firefighters, police and other rescue personnel, receive comfort and peace today. And may the entire Nation be entrusted to the merciful care of God as we move forward from a day that America will not forget.

I join my colleagues here today to demonstrate the resolve of the United States of America to see to it that no act, however unspeakable, however despicable, will be allowed to halt our democracy.

I commend President Bush for his words yesterday committing our Nation to bringing to justice those responsible for these attacks, and for recognizing that those who harbor evil, are evil, and must be dealt with as such.

America should follow the admonition of David to his son, Solomon: "Be strong and of good courage, and act."

From tragedy, unity; from unity, strength; and from strength, justice.

For the victims, for their families, for our Nation, God bless America.

#### HONORING THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday is a day that will live long and painfully in all our hearts. We will remember that innocent people arriving

at their offices were murdered. We will remember that Federal workers and members of our Armed Forces, all dedicated to lives the public service, were murdered. We will also remember that men, women and children boarding airplanes bound for the West Coast to visit friends and family or to meet colleagues were murdered.

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We will remember the firemen, police officers and emergency workers who lost their lives saving others at the World Trade Center; and we will remember the thousands of people who lined up to give blood, who helped others escape from fire and debris, and who said a prayer, and who simply asked, how can I help?

Yesterday, we saw the best humanity has to offer in the faces of America, and we saw the worst of humanity in the murders carried out by faceless, nameless terrorists. All Americans of all faiths and backgrounds mourn today the lives lost.

We will repair and rebuild the broken buildings and neighborhoods and we will maintain the foundations of our liberty; and as Americans, we will never sacrifice our freedoms, our fundamental rights, to cowardly acts of terrorism.

We will find those who perpetrated these evil acts, and they will pay the highest price for their actions.

Today, our thoughts, our prayers, our strength and compassion go out today to all of those who have lost loved ones. We will never forget you.

#### AMERICA STANDS STRONG IN FACE OF TERRORISM

(Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, our hearts and prayers go out to those who mourn the horrific actions of cowardice that we experienced yesterday. We are up against an enemy this time that has committed an act of war; but it is an enemy that is not a country, it is a band of evil people that is trying to instill fear in America. We must do all we can to defeat this enemy, and we are all enlisted as soldiers in that fight. Many of our emergency professionals have put their lives on the line and given their lives and deserve our appreciation.

What is there for us to do? We must remember that their weapon is fear. They are trying to instill fear in us; and if we panic, they have achieved victory. We must be showing our resolve as Americans and lining up to give blood, not lining up to panic to get gas at a gas station. That is what America is all about. We have risen to the challenge in the past; we will rise to the challenge today. With God's good grace, reaching out with condolences